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LibDay parade pushes through

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A tropical storm scotched the planned parade on July 4 but that did not dampen the spirit of hundreds of community members and visitors who came out to watch the 69th Liberation Day parade push through yesterday morning along Beach Road in Garapan.

Hundreds camped out along Beach Road as early as 5am, with many setting up barbecue grills, chairs, tables, and umbrellas to wait for the parade that started a little over 10am.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the parade and July 4th celebration is all about freedom and honor. He also believes the tribute to past mayors of Saipan is a great way to

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2014 Liberation Queen Pressel Jean Camacho, second from right, is joined by Royal Princess Desiree Crisostomo, third from left, First Princess Rita Doca, second from left, and their escorts during 69th Liberation Day parade.

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Man in chain, shackles raises eyebrows at parade

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Liberation Day parade spectators were treated to a different visual offering yesterday—an Asian man holding a placard that read "Justice" on one side and "Alien worker deserves improved status" on the other.

While Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) and others acknowledged freedom of expression or freedom of speech when they referred to the placard, it's the depiction of a man in chains and shackles that raised their eyebrows.

Sablan said the depiction is "false" because no one is being forced to remain in the CNMI. He said the depiction would hurt rather than help the cause of long-term foreign workers for an improved immigration status.

"Every individual here has the right

JAYSON CAMACHO

A man wearing chains and shackles surprised many spectators and parade participants at the 69th Liberation Day parade.

to free expression, that's protection [provided for by] both the U.S. and NMI Constitutions. I think it's an appropriate display of a statement that is false. No one in the Northern Mariana Is-

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Saipan casino application process moves forward

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» Governor hopeful no further litigation will be needed

After litigation hiccups and other issues, the application process for an exclusive integrated casino resort license on Saipan moves forward and Gov. Eloy S. Inos said he's "hopeful that no further litigation will be needed." Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. and Best Sunshine International Ltd. are both in the running for the exclusive license.

Superior Court Associate Judge Wiseman issued an order last week denying an attempt to stop the government from issuing a casino license.

"With Judge Wiseman's ruling, we are pleased that the process will once again be moving forward. This, along

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'Court no intention to forestall casino vetting process'

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has stated that the court has no intention of further forestalling the evolution of the casino license application and vetting process.

The court prefers to let the Lottery Commission's issuance of any casino license go forward without preliminarily ruling on its legality or validity as a matter of law, said Wiseman in an order on Friday that denied a motion for preliminary injunction filed by casino applicant Marianas Stars Entertainment.

The injunction seeks to stop Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the CNMI government, and co-defendants from issuing a casino license unless and until all aspects of the casino law are first complied with, such as the Casino Commission's required involvement in the applicant investigation and the issuance of regulations.

Wiseman said the court recognizes that granting the injunction at this juncture would frustrate the critical government process the Legislature has instituted in order to arrive at a fair and safe conclusion in a venture of this magnitude.

Wiseman agreed with Inos and co-defendants that permitting the application process to continue will allow the CNMI to properly assess whether any of the applicants meet all of the necessary criteria.

The judge also agreed with Inos and co-defendants that if neither meets those criteria within the 90-day period provided by the Legislature, the newly formed Casino Commission may institute a new process for the investigation, issue a new request for proposal to attract new applicants, and award the sole casino license.

In their motion for preliminary injunction, Marianas Stars counsel Sean Frink, argued, among other things, that an injunction will preserve the status quo, leaving the $30 million that the company and the other casino license applicant, Best Sunshine Ltd., deposited in escrow pending the eventual "lawful" issuance of a casino license. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

House speaker: House rules conform with OGA

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House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) maintains that there was no violation of the Open Government Act when the casino legislation was passed because the House's rules conform with the OGA.

"What did we do wrong? We're just following the rules," said Deleon Guerrero in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* after last week's hearing on a motion to dismiss Glen Hunter's lawsuit against Gov. Eloy S. Inos and several other lawmakers for allegedly violating the OGA in passing the casino law.

The speaker explained that there are two types of notices: the 72-hour and the 24-hour notice.

To comply with the 72-hour notice for public readings, the Legislature just needs to post the notice at the administration building and leave it for three days, he said.

The second thing to do with the 72-hour notice, he said, is leave the notice on the clerk's desk for three days without touching it.

"That's what the 72-hour notice requires. It doesn't say you have to publish it," Deleon Guerrero pointed out.

With respect to the 24-hour notice, the speaker said they have to publish it and that's the one they chose to follow in the casino legislation.

"Even though it's shorter, we have to publish it so it reaches a wider audience, unlike the 72 which you only post on the door," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said even though the 24-hour notice has lesser time, it actually reaches a wider audience when something is published versus just posting it on the wall.

"Plus you can't act on it if it hasn't been introduced at least 24 hours in advance. When we do have a session after it's been published for 24 hours, we have a public comment period in which the public is given the opportunity to come up and speak on the bill," he said.

The speaker said they will leave the issue now for the court to decide.

Hunter is suing Inos, the government, the Lottery Commission, Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), House Speaker Deleon Guerrero, and Reps. Rafael S. Demapan (Cov-Saipan) and Felicidad T. Ogumoro (R-Saipan). The defendants have asked the court to dismiss the lawsuit.

Hunter, through counsel Jennifer Dockter, asked the court to issue a judgment declaring that the OGA violations rendered the casino law null and void.

After hearing the arguments on Wednesday, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman placed the matter under advisement.

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Inos honors CNMI mayors

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Gov, Eloy S. Inos paid tribute to past and present mayors of the CNMI during his speech at the 69th Liberation Day at the Garapan Fishing Basin yesterday.

"We come as one to honor the caretakers of our islands, our mayors, people who go out of their way every day to keep our villages clean and safe."

It is these mayors, Inos said, who oversaw Liberation Day festivities as part of their duties.

Inos spoke warmly of the late Saipan mayor Donald Glenn Pangelinan Flores, who he described as "a soul who enjoyed July 4th so much that he would walk the entire parade route as its head."

Inos described a mayor's duty as one that "traces itself back to inside the gates of Camp Susupe and Chalan Kanoa, starting with the first high chief Juan M. Ada, to the person who was first to be called mayor of Saipan, the late Elias Parung Sablan."

Inos also asked the audience to observe a moment of silence to honor former mayors Francisco M. Diaz, Jesus "Gere" Guerrero, Juan Borja Tudela, Prudencio Manglona, and Donald Flores, who passed away in recent years.

Inos' speech was part of a ceremony titled "Reunion of Honor: Tribute to the Mayors," which included speakers such as Vicente C. Camacho, chairman of the 69th Liberation Day Committee, and Saipan Mayor Marian Dlg. Tudela.

Camacho described the day as a "solemn celebration" and thanked all the mayors who served the CNMI in the past, extolling the "purposeful intent" which helped and will help the CNMI "grow and advance."

Tudela, the CNMI's first female mayor, spoke of "the flag that bore 48 white stars, and seven red and six white stripes" that "flew in the island's gasping breeze" to signify the end of World War II and the beginning of a lasting peace in the CNMI.

She said the U.S. flag is a symbol that should remind the CNMI people of the thousands of lives, of soldiers and of locals as well, that paid the "most expensive journey" to ensure their freedom. "Let us not forget, for a single moment, that we walk amongst our forefathers on these grounds today."

The ceremony ended with a presentation of plaques to family members of Saipan's past mayors: Gregorio San Nicolas Sablan, Elias Parung Sablan, Ignacio Villagomez Benavente, Vicente Diaz Sablan, Luis Arriola Benavente, Francisco Manibusan Diaz, Jose Santos Rios, Gilbert Castro Ada, Jose Mettao Taitano, Jesus Sablan Guerrero, Jose C. Sablan, Juan Borja Tudela, Donald Glenn Pangelinan Flores, and Juan Borja Tudela.

According to Camacho, both former and late mayors of Tinian and Rota will also be receiving plaques in honorary ceremonies sometime between this week and the next.

Still no trace of two missing Japanese sisters

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Search and rescue team continued their efforts to locate the missing two Japanese sisters during the entire weekend on Saipan, but found no trace of the victims.

Chinatsu Yamada

Natsuki Yamada

"There's no new development yet. We're still doing the search," Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Chinatsu Yamada, 26, and Natsuki Yamada, 33, were reported missing since Monday, June 30, when their rental car was recovered at Wing Beach. The two stayed at the nearby Mariana Resort and Spa. They were supposed to fly back to Japan that same Monday.

Deleon Guerrero said that only an aerial search was conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Navy on Friday but there was no water search because of an incoming storm.

The commissioner said the search resumed on Saturday and yesterday.

He said he learned that the U.S. Coast Guard's last day was on Saturday, but he has to confirm the information with CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management special assistant Marvin Seman.

A separate U.S, Coast Guard statement on Saturday said that it has suspended its search efforts for the two Japanese tourists.

"Coast Guard Sector Guam has suspended search efforts for the two Japanese tourists, after five days of searching. The five-day search covered 8,100 square nautical miles and 154 hours. Responding assets included four aircraft, three helicopters, two ships, two small boats, three jet-skis, and divers," the statement said.

Deleon Guerrero said that Boating Safety Unit personnel led the search yesterday.

DPS will hold a news briefing about the search today, Monday, at 10am.

This July 3, 2014, file photos shows Gov. Eloy S. Inos explaining the government's efforts in locating the missing Japanese sisters at a news briefing held at Tanapag Beach. To the governor's left are CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management special assistant Marvin Seman and Lt. Ken McCain of the U.S. Coast Guard. To the governor's right are a Japanese interpreter and Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero.
FERDIE DE LA TORRE

High surf and small craft advisory

The Homeland Security and Emergency Management is warning the public that a high surf advisory is in effect until 4pm Wednesday.

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service, large swells generated by Typhoon Neoguri have begun to subside but will remain high enough to generate hazardous surf until Wednesday.

Hazardous surf of 10 to 12 feet will affect west facing reefs and 9 to 11 feet today.

A small craft advisory remains in effect until 6pm Tuesday.

Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, exercise caution especially near reef lines and when entering or leaving harbors. Avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches along all reefs as rip currents is life threatening. ***(PR)***

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Diley, Llawson join Rotary Club

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The Rotary Club of Saipan inducted two new members, Mike Diley of iConnect and Hobbs Llawson of the American Samoa Rotary Club, last Tuesday during the civic group's induction ceremony at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

Diley said that he had been on Saipan for 10 years and that he looks forward to working with the Rotarians on Saipan on projects that will help make the community a better place.

Llawson said he was on Saipan from 2000 to 2003 with Bank of Hawaii and is currently with the bank again.

Llawson was with BOH for 17 and half years at its the Western and South Pacific branches.

"I started with the BOH in 1996 and managed commercial lending offices in Pohnpei and Kosrae, and came here to Saipan, then to Palau, moved to American Samoa, and then back to Saipan," Llawson said.

» Ilmov is Rotarian of the Year
» Rotaract, Interact clubs at induction

Llawson said it was the first time for his family to be on Saipan.

"We are very happy to be here and I am happy to be a member of the Rotary Club of Saipan. I am third generation Rotarian in my family and my grandfather started in Honolulu, including my father," Llawson said.

During the ceremony, awards were given as well to many Rotarians for their virtues and services to the club.

Ivan Ilmov was presented with the most prestigious award, the Rotarian of the Year plum.

In his remarks, Ilmov said he was happy and was grateful in being chosen for the award but each member "is really important, it is all about teamwork." He remembered what member Dave Sablan earlier told him—that the Rotary does not give money but gives what is needed.

The event was also the first time the Rotaract Club of Northern Marianas College and Interact Club for Marianas High School attended a Rotary Club induction.

"This is the first time they have attended our induction ceremony and are our future Rotarians," said Cody.

Ilmov said he is happy to have the younger generation starting to think about the future of the community.

"It is an honor to have such young members join our induction ceremony and experience the Rotary Club in our ceremony. They are our future," Boyer said.

JAYSON CAMACHO
Outgoing Rotary Club of Saipan president Laila Boyer inducts two new members, Mike Diley of iConnect and Hobbs Llawson, last Tuesday during the civic group's induction ceremony at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

JAYSON CAMACHO
Outgoing Rotary Club of Saipan president Laila Boyer, left, and incoming president Richard Cody, right, present Ivan Ilmov with the prestigious Rotarian of the Year plum.

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with legislation to address ambiguities in the law, will pave the way to revenues we need for all of us in the Commonwealth," Inos said.

House floor leader Ralph Demapan's (Cov-Saipan) bill repealing and reenacting the Saipan casino law will be up for full House voting tomorrow afternoon, but there is no telling whether it will have the votes.

The governor reiterated yesterday a statement he made during his State of the Commonwealth Address.

"As I've said, we cannot sue our way to prosperity, so we are hopeful that no further litigation will be needed. This $2 billion opportunity will benefit all of us—retirees, active government employees, the private sector, and all who reside here," he said.

The two-year advance casino license fee of $30 million is meant to pay retirees' deferred 25 percent pension and pay the interest on retirement contributions withdrawn by former Retirement Fund members last year.

The four-member Lottery Commission, chaired by Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar, will meet again on Tuesday afternoon on Capital Hill.

But Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the commission won't be making any announcement yet tomorrow whether to grant an exclusive casino license and to whom as lawyers are still reviewing Wiseman's ruling and will advise the next step.

The commission, in its executive session, will discuss pending litigation. During its public session, it will also discuss video lottery, which is allowed by law since last year but has since been put in the back burner when electronic gaming and Saipan casino also became law. The three major revenue-generating measures seek to help restore retirees' 25 percent deferred pension and other retirement fund-related obligations, among other things.

Meanwhile, GGRAsia reported during the weekend that Imperial Pacific International Holdings Ltd.—the parent company of Saipan casino applicant Best Sunshine—saw a 14.52-percent rise in shares in Hong Kong on Friday after a legal bid to block it or anyone else from applying for a casino license on Saipan was rejected by a judge. Imperial Pacific is an investor in the profit stream of Macau VIP operator Hengsheng Group.

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lands—whether you are a United States citizen or a citizen of a third country—are in shackles here. No one here is being forced to remain here, so that was a wrong message," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan, who ensured that national immigration reform bills would have provisions giving an opportunity for qualified long-term legal aliens to apply for "green card" which is pathway to U.S. citizenship, said it's "unfortunate" that someone would resort to a misleading and false depiction of nonresidents' situations in the CNMI.

"Not the sign, but the fact that's he in chain and lock. That doesn't help. It hurts him rather that it helps him. Just untrue and it doesn't help to advance the conversation on the matter. Unfortunately, he's wrong," the delegate added.

From the beginning of the parade, the man could already be seen brandishing the placard. He wasn't believed to be part of any of the organizations that participated in the Liberation Day parade. However, at the performance of Falun Dafa, the man was again seen parading and stood in front of the main stage along Beach Road in front of Kristo Rai Church.

As for the word "justice" on the placard, Sablan asked, "Justice before the court? Justice for what? No one here is under any restraint to stay here. Everyone is free. They can get up and leave any time they want to."

Meanwhile, the prospects of any comprehensive national immigration reform bill are "dim," Sablan said, after U.S. House Speaker John Boehner told President Barack Obama that there will be no vote on immigration reform bill this election year. However, Obama has said he will use executive actions on immigration matters, which Sablan said could include the CNMI.

S. 744 and HR 15, two comprehensive immigration reform bills pending in Congress, have CNMI-specific provisions, specifically granting legal, long-term foreign residents in the CNMI a chance to apply for a "green card."

LIBDAY

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hold the "reunion of honor."

"Another significant part of this celebration is that Mayor Marian Dlg. Tudela is the first-ever female mayor of Saipan and she joins us today to celebrate freedom and independence," Inos said.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said that postponing the parade due to the bad weather was a good decision "because the sun is out today." He noted that the tribute to the former mayors and former Liberation Day queens is one of the highlights of this year's parade.

Sablan said he was chosen by the family to represent his grandfather, Gregorio San Nicolas Sablan, the first mayor of Saipan, in the parade.

Over 30 groups, organizations, and government agencies participated in the parade, some of them featuring floats and mascots.

The United Filipino Organizations' float was the sole entry in the float competition and automatically won, bringing home the $700 prize.

Although many people enjoyed the parade, 50-year-old Chandran Kandiah who has watched the parade since the moment he stepped foot on Saipan in 1990, said he remembers the "old days" when the parade was a lot better.

"The parade this year is good and I have been watching the Liberation Day parade for 20 years, but before the carnival and parade was much more exciting and now it is not so," Kandiah said.

Another young community member, Jefferson Mateo, 16, said the parade and carnival used to be "spirited."

"Now it just feels like another event to go to when you have nothing to do on a Sunday," Mateo said.

Rona Rojas also expressed concern that more community members used to join the parade in past years.

Liberation Committee chair Vicente Camacho said that every year it is going to be different and that they had to postpone this year's parade due to the bad weather.

"However, the efforts that were put into this was very quick. A lot of things happened from the time when mayor Donald [Glenn P.] Flores passed," Camacho said.

"If we're going to make it better, how do we make it better? It needs a lot more effort for the government agencies to make it better and, like I said, this year is a little different," he added.

Camacho also noted that the low budget given for this year's Liberation Day celebration played a factor.

According to Liberation Committee member Terry Camacho, the budget fell a little short. They were supposed to be given about $8,000 but the committee only received a little over $5,000.

"Despite the episodes that we had to put up with and the passing of the mayor, we had to change things around, which is why we included the former mayor tributes," Camacho said.

One member of the Liberation Committee for entertainment noted that Japan's Domatsuri and Awaodori groups and a Korean group came to take part in the July 4 parade but then left on July 5.

After the parade, the public was invited to attend a special ceremony at the Liberation Day festival grounds at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Candidate's father said to question results of Liberation Day Queen tilt

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The father of 2014 Liberation Royal Court second princess Gilitinon "Choi" Aldan Ramangmou has reportedly expressed concerns on how the counting for the 2014 Liberation Queen went down

Liberation Queen committee chair Joan Aquino told *Saipan Tribune* that Frank Ramangmou called the next morning after the coronation of the 2014 Liberation Queen to express concerns and dispute the counting of the committee.

"The next morning after coronation night, Ramangmou's father called expressing great concern over the committee that we were not fair," Aquino said.

Aquino said that during coronation night, the girls had a complimentary stay at the Chalan Kanoa Beach Club for four nights but Ramangmou did not show up.

"She was not present and we also called to remind them of where they will be picked up but she did not show up," Aquino said.

Liberation Committee chair Vicente Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* that he does not know exactly what went on because he has not spoken to the families since June 30 during the counting.

"We are being implicated or accused of cheating and I don't believe that is the case so we need to sit down and explain better in detail on how the fundraising event works," Camacho said.

"We have to remember that this is a fundraising event and there is no cheating in this matter. We don't cheat, we accept all the moneys submitted by the families and tickets that we give candidates so that they could go out and sell them," he added.

Camacho noted that the candidates themselves are allowed to purchase the tickets.

"Again, it is a fundraising event and the main fundraising are from the candidates. I can say this: We did not cheat and the process we use in counting the money is not flawed," Camacho said.

He said the committee will be meeting today, Monday, to take up the matter, during which they will also clarify the procedures when counting the funds raised from the Liberation Day Queen competition.

Rules and regs

Ramangmou also did not show up for the 2014 Liberation Day parade, despite being required by pageant rules to do so.

Prior to the official pinning ceremony for their candidacy as Liberation Queen, all the candidates sign a contract with the liberation committee. Part of that contract requires them to be available to attend public appearances such as the Liberation Day parade.

Her absence at the parade could cost Ramangmou the second princess title.

According to the rules and regulations set by Liberation Queen committee, all the candidates are issued raffle tickets in batches and must remit payments before additional batches of tickets can be issued.

The candidates are required to sell or purchase tickets that were issued to them no later than the final counting and any unsold tickets will be deducted from tickets sold.

Also stated in the rules and regulations is for the candidates to adhere to all rules and regulations.

The rules and regulations contract is signed by all parents and initialed by all candidates in each section of the guidelines set by the committee.

According to Liberation Committee member Terry Camacho, all candidates, together with their parents, sign the count of the total money that was fundraised.

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‘$300K-$400K can be moved around for agencies’ 2015 budget’

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House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) said there’s between $300,000 and $400,000 under Gov. Eloy S. Inos’ proposed fiscal year 2015 budget that can be taken out from and then redistributed to government agencies. The committee deliberates this week on the distribution of funds, some three months before the new fiscal year kicks in on Oct. 1.

The committee wrapped up last week reviews of each department’s appropriations and will make the final revision to the distribution this week.

“It’s now a matter of plugging in the numbers. We went back to see where we can make adjustments—some will get less while others will get more compared to what the governor proposed. Yes, the committee identified $300,000 to $400,000 money that can be moved around depending on agencies’ needs,” Sablan told *Saipan Tribune.*

There is no telling whether a 2015 budget bill can be prefiled in time for tomorrow’s House session.

The governor’s proposed fiscal year 2015 budget is $134.33 million, which is lower than the fiscal year 2014 budget of $135.786 million after the governor signed last week a $12.386 million supplemental budget law. But Ways and Means Committee member Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan) said the 2015 budget is “very conservative” to begin with” so a supplemental budget should be “expected.”

ARTHUR ANDA
With a bonfire in their back, children watch fellow campers deliver their prepared presentation during the two days of culminating activities held on June 27 and 28, 2014, for the first batch of summer school camp at Green Meadow School.

Children enjoy summer school camp at GMS

Some 96 boys and girls participated in the fun-filled Green Meadow School’s 2014 Summer School Camp held at its Chalan Kiya campus and at its other location in Gualo Rai. Most campers were of kindergarten and elementary ages.

Aside from popular sports and recreation activities, the four-week program that started on June 2 also included varied hands-on indoor and outdoor activities in cooking and baking, song and dance interpretation, gardening, community service, and fashion accessory making.

In the first of the two-day culmination program, campers showcased and sold items they produced during activities in cooking and baking, gardening and fashion accessory making. Also held in the same day were the song and dance interpretation contest, campfire ceremony and sleep-over at the camp.

On June 28, 2014, the last day of the first batch of the summer camp was highlighted with grilling and cooking contest, Campers Got Talent contest participated by kindergarten groups, and giving of awards and certificates. Cash and in-kind prizes were awarded to the champion in the grilling and cooking contest, 2014 Summer Camper champions, and Campers Got Talent winners.

Green Meadow School administration expresses its sincere appreciation to all campers, their parents, friends, and supporters, and heartfelt thanks to individual and corporate sponsors for making the 2014 summer camp a success.

The second batch of GMS 2014 Summer School Camp starts on July 7, culminating on the Aug. 2, 2014. The second batch will concentrate on academics focusing on math, reading, and writing aimed to help students prepare for school year 2014-2015. ***(GMS)***

COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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This notice is available in large print, or audio disc from the ADA Compliance Coordinator.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-14-018

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 & 2015

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to perform a financial and compliance audit of the CUC for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2014 & 2015. The audit must be performed in compliance with the latest revision of the following guidelines:

1. *OMB Circular A-133*
2. *Standard for Audits of Government Organization, Programs, Activities and Function, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States*
3. *Audits of States and Local Government Units, Industry Audit guide issued by the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA)*

The date of contract award will be no later than August 29, 2014.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-RFP-14-018, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Years Ending September 2014 & 2015”to Mr. Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST), local time, on July 28, 2014.** Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All inquiries regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 11, 2014** to Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 with a copy to Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer, via email address charles_warren@cucgov.org; and Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reasons and to waive any defects in any proposals if, in its sole opinion, to do so will be in the best interest of the CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

New technology to monitor Pacific Island tuna fisheries

New technology for monitoring catches of vessels fishing in Pacific Island waters is being tested on two large Chinese Taipei-flagged tuna longliners. The vessels were fitted with video electronic monitoring systems in early March before fishing in the Solomon Islands exclusive economic zone for a trip of almost 80 days.

The electronic monitoring system, or "e-monitoring," installed onboard uses high-definition video cameras, GPS, and a central unit to record all events and video footage. The main aim of the project is to investigate how e-monitoring works for collecting accurate information on the fishing activities of tuna longline fishing vessels.

This information, including catch number and type, is critical in providing the best scientific and management advice to ensure sustainable fishing. The e-monitoring data collected from these first trips is now being analyzed by experienced longline fisheries observers. The analysis will take 20 working days for each vessel. The "dry" observers will record all aspects of the fishing activity, including identifying fishing locations, the catch composition, and the fate of any bycatch taken.

As part of the project, the e-monitoring results will be compared to the information collected by two independent fisheries observers, who were also assigned to each vessel to carry out their regular task of observing and recording the catch.

Preliminary findings will be presented at the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission's annual Scientific Committee meeting to be held in Majuro in August this year.

Implementing e-monitoring technology in all or parts of the Western and Central Pacific Ocean fisheries will require logistical and legal frameworks to be put in place at national and regional levels. The Secretariat of the Pacific Community's knowledge and experience in managing observer data and the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency's expertise in fisheries legislative mechanisms mean that an SPC/FFA partnership will be paramount if the decision is made to advance e-monitoring in the region.

The project partners are Tri Marine, National Fisheries Developments, Yi Man Fishing Co., Satlink, FFA, SPC, and Solomon Islands Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources. The International Seafood Sustainability Foundation is also a major contributor through support of the Regional Electronic Reporting Coordinator position contracted by SPC. ***(SPC)***

SATLINK

Screen shot from video footage recording fishing activities onboard fishing vessel *Yi Man 3*.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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July 07, 2014

Governor Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, Marcie M. Tomokane, wish to announce that the Program Year 2014 Annual Action Plan is available for the public's review and comments. The Action Plan encompasses applications for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs in the Commonwealth. Comments may be directed to Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, Deputy Corporate Director, NMHC Central Office, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, or by fax to (670) 234-9021. Deadline for the comment period is August 8, 2014, no later than 4:30 p.m.

The Plan is available for public review and inspection at NMHC's Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, and at the respective NMHC Field Offices in Tinian and Rota during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for CNMI holidays. Individuals needing special accommodations to review and comment on the plan must contact Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas for arrangements by calling (670) 234-6866/7689 during regular business hours.

/s/Zenie P. Mafnas
Deputy Corporate Director

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Your 2013 CUC Annual Water Quality Report is now available on-line!

Please go to **http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/CCR-2013.pdf** to view what contaminants were detected in your water in 2013 and to learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

If you need the report translated, wish to speak with someone about the report, or would like a paper copy delivered or emailed to you, please call CUC at (670) 664-4282.

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I iyom-mu 2013 CUC Annual na Ripot Kuålidåt Hånum esta på'gu gumuaha gi on-line!

Put fabot hånåo para i **http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/CCR-2013.pdf** para u ma'atan håfa na contaminants manmasodda' gi halum hanom-mu gi 2013 yan para un tung'u mås put i hanum magimin. Esti na ripot ha sasahguan siha manimpottånti na imfotmasion put i source yan kuålidåt i hanum magimin.

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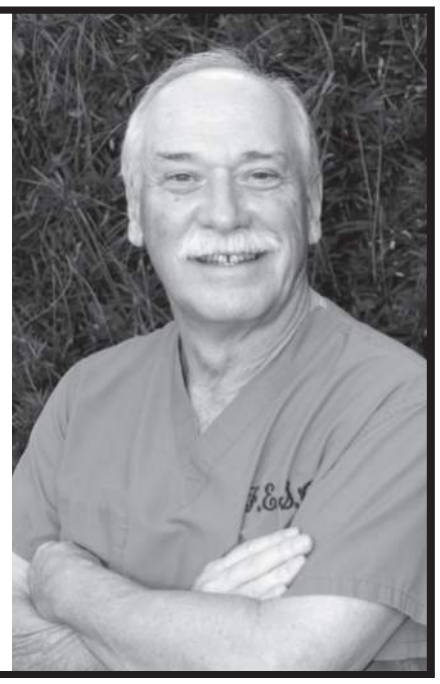

DPS chief urges Legislature not to toy with gun law

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REPORTER

Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero has a strong message to the Legislature: Don't toy around with the CNMI Weapons Control Act.

"Let's not try to toy around and expand gun ownership in the process," said Deleon Guerrero at a news briefing in his office last week.

Deleon Guerrero believes that the Weapons Control Act is one of the best pieces of legislation that the CNMI Legislature has ever come up.

"There is a reason why people don't see too many gun-related incidents here in the Commonwealth. …There is a reason why people, when they commit robbery, they're using knives, machetes and so forth as opposed to guns," he said.

Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) last month prefiled a bill that would, among other things, include U.S. lawful permanent residents or "green card" holders among those who will be allowed to obtain firearm identification cards in the CNMI.

Leon Guerrero's bill also identifies the requirements for the issuance of a firearm dealer license under the Commonwealth Weapons Control Act.

Commissioner Deleon Guerrero said the issue of gun control is something that's going on at a much wider scale than before. He said there is a serious national debate going on right now on gun control.

"We don't get school shooting incidents here. Let's not try to invite one," he pointed out.

Deleon Guerrero said that one could argue that it is people who kill, not guns. "But let's be realistic about this issue. Without easy access to weapons, then there will be fewer who can," he said.

The commissioner said he supports arming more law enforcement officers, provided that there is a clear realization of the type of work that they do.

Deleon Guerrero's opinion is that gun ownership beyond what is currently set by law would be an invitation to more gun-related violence here.

"We have some serious challenges and let's be realistic about this. We don't even have a forensic lab here in the CNMI," he pointed out.

"I think it should just be kept that way," he added, referring to the Weapons Control Act.

The Legislature, the commissioner said, should not look at making the law stiffer while at the same time opening up a different door for expanded gun ownership.

Deleon Guerrero suggested that the Legislature should instead help them more in terms of ensuring, for example, that the CNMI or DPS be allowed to deposit DNA material, fingerprint records and the likes to the combined offender DNA index system with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On the issue that the Office of the Attorney General has been dismissing charges related to handgun possessions, the commissioner noted that is the reason why they asked the Legislature to look at this in a different sense by making it a crime to possess a handgun in the commission of a felony or possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, whichever or both.

CNMI Baseball Team to host dinner show fundraiser

The Saipan Baseball League Board invites everyone to their final Micronesian Games fundraiser, a dinner show, on Thursday, July 10, 2014, from 6pm to 11pm, at the Central Park in Garapan, next to Gold's Gym. Tickets are $10 each. All beverages will be on sale at $2 each.

Proceeds of this fundraiser will benefit the CNMI National Baseball Team's room and board expenses while on Pohnpei. Big Mama and other local artists promise a great time, so come and enjoy the show and dance the night away. Raffle tickets will also be on sale for a chance to win great prices!

You may purchase your ticket(s) from any of the following SBL board members: Rose Igitol (287-1129), Tony Rogolifoi (285-3966/234-6672), Bernard Cabrera (287-7252), and AJ Murig (989-0640), or from any of the National Team members.

Come one, come all! Please support your National Baseball Team in their quest to bring the gold home! ***(PR)***

Flashback
A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 7, 2006

SCC to Pelosi: Come visit us

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce has invited Democrat California congresswoman Nancy Pelosi to visit the Northern Marianas to better understand the local minimum wage situation. This came after Pelosi was quoted as describing the islanders as "criminals" for paying workers a low minimum wage of $3.05. Pelosi recently co-authored with longtime CNMI critic George Miller a bill that aims to gradually implement the federal minimum wage and immigration requirements in the CNMI. Chamber officials said they would tour Pelosi to garment factories and tourism sites "that make up the two main engines of our economic opportunity in the islands." "The Saipan Chamber of Commerce extends an invitation to you to visit where America's day truly begins… We would like the opportunity to have you visit and experience the Hafa Adai spirit," said Chamber officials led by president Charles V. Cepeda in a June 28, 2006, letter to the U.S. lawmaker.

Burned classroom now 40 percent renovated

It's now over a year since Kagman High School's Environmental Science and Oceanography Room was burglarized and burned down in May 2005. The classroom has finally gotten some attention and is already 40 percent restored. Capital Improvement Project coordinator Elizabeth Balajadia said the renovation work is expected to be finished in time for the 2006-2007 school year opening. Balajadia said the Public School System gave its contractors a notice to proceed with the renovation on June 12. The PSS' decision to proceed was prompted by the finalization of appropriation of the Compact Impact Fund.

July 7, 2007

NMI to get $2M-plus housing grant

The Commonwealth expects to receive over $2 million from the federal government for local housing projects. According to the Northern Marianas Housing Corp., the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has allocated some $1.36 million for community development, $600,000 for housing, and $57,000 emergency shelter projects.

Rescue try for airport dog

PAWS is looking for a foster home or permanent home for a dog that is in need, and for someone to sponsor her medical attention. Jane Belcher, from Texas, is here visiting Saipan for a couple of weeks. Upon her arrival, she was greeted by a homeless black and white dog that lives at the Saipan International Airport. The dog, according to Belcher, is emaciated. According to other reports, the dog has been living at the airport for at least three months. Belcher started feeding the dog, and has done so throughout her stay here in Saipan. "When I first saw her, she literally could not stand on three feet to use the other one to scratch. Her tail was totally under her body. By Wednesday, after only a few days of food, she was running up to me, her tail was wagging and she actually whined a hello before I fed her on Wednesday night."

July 7, 2008

'CNMI business climate unstable for rest of '08'

Now six months through 2008, businesses in the Commonwealth are reporting that mounting costs, coupled with an ongoing economic downturn, have many of them fighting for survival and conditions later in the year are expected to get worse long before they get better. Skyrocketing electricity prices, a recent hike in the minimum wage, the garment manufacturing sector's rapid decline, high gasoline costs and the impending federal takeover of immigration authority combined in a veritable symphony of hardships for local business owners during the first months of the year. These factors have forced many to cut costs or scale back operations to stay open.

Guam firm takes over Rota Resort

A Guam-based hotel company has formally taken over Rota Resort and Country Club. Rota Resort LLC, which assumed control of Rota's only major resort last Thursday, vows to be aggressive in promoting Rota as a tourist destination. The first step, according to Rota Resort LLC owner, Hee K. Cho, is to secure flight service to the island. Cho said in a phone interview that his company has reached an agreement with airlines on the continuation of service to Rota.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CITY TRUST BANK, Plaintiff, -v- JOSEPH ALDAN ARRIOLA, Defendant. — CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0021

TENTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 31, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 034 L 129, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 257 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described in the Subdivision of Lot 034 L 63, on DLS Check No. 034 L 21 recorded in the Commonwealth Recorder's Office as File No. 97-1299; and Lot 034 L 130, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 257 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described in the Subdivision of Lot 034 L 63, on DLS check No. 34 L 21, recorded in the Commonwealth Recorder's Office as File No. 97-1299.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 11, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 9th day of June, 2014:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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CITY TRUST BANK, Plaintiff, -v- DANIEL JOSEPH M. CABRERA and MAGDALENA S. CABRERA, Defendants. — CIVIL ACTION NO. 06-0054

ELEVENTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on September 19, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: (a) Lot No. 005 I 180, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 02, the original of which was recorded March 11, 1983, as Document No. 16707, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan and (b) Tract No. 225840-1-I, located in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on DLS Check No. 2119/92, deeded to Daniel Muna Cabrera on August 24, 1998, and recorded as File No. 99-2096 on September 3, 1999.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 11, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 12, 2012, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 041 E 18 (formerly part of Lot 041 E 06, which was part of original lot 041 E 01), situated in Talafofo, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 1,050 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 041 E 03, the original of which was recorded on 14 February 1995, as Document No. 95-356, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 11, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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DATED, this 9th day of June, 2014:

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COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, -v- MARIANO S. NAPUTI, Defendant. — CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-0382

ELEVENTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 3, 2006, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 002 G 334, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 08, the original of which was recorded on May 14, 1990, as Document No. 90-1905, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 11, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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CITY TRUST BANK, Plaintiff, -v- SUZETTE O. SASAMOTO and FELIX T. SASAMOTO, JR., Defendants. — CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0514

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Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 11, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 9th day of June, 2014:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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CITY TRUST BANK, Plaintiff, -v- JUAN R. SABLAN and ANGELINE F. SABLAN, Defendants. — CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-1054

ELEVENTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 10, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Real property, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 1,329 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. E.A. 839 NEW.

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COURTESY VISIT

From left, clockwise: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District Chief Derek Chow, Pacific Oceans Division Commander MG Rick Stevens, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, Honolulu District Deputy District Engineer Anthony J. Paresa, PE, and Captain Lafave. Hofschneider met with the US Army Corps of Engineers officials on June 24, 2014, for a courtesy visit, and had the chance to discuss with them the issues surrounding the Tinian and Rota harbors.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Bill to repeal and reenact casino law up for full House vote tomorrow

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

A controversial bill that seeks to repeal and reenact the Saipan casino law is up for a vote by the whole House of Representatives on Tuesday afternoon, following the Ways and Means Committee's prefiling on Thursday of its report recommending full membership action on the measure. A number of community members fear that passage and enactment of this bill will kill an ongoing petition to place the casino question on the ballot in the November elections.

Of the 12 committee members led by chair Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), only eight signed off on the report.

The committee said House Bill 18-195, authored by floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), is necessary and recommended to correct ambiguities within Public Law 18-38 as amended by P.L. 18-43.

However, the committee finds that many of its members wanted to propose amendments within the committee and many others that are not committee members are also eyeing to offer changes.

"…therefore your committee agreed not to entertain amendments within committee level but rather during deliberation on House Bill 18-195 on the set House session," the report said.

The committee said the CNMI is experiencing increased overall living and business expenses. It also finds that a well-regulated casino gambling industry will stimulate the economy and add much needed government revenues,

"Your committee acknowledges the potential financial benefits of establishing a casino in the Third Senatorial District but is also cognizant of the negative impacts it may have on our families," the report said.

The panel also acknowledges that voters already twice rejected casino operation on Saipan, and some committee members feel that the question should be asked of the voters once again instead of passing legislation.

The committee said it is well aware that legalizing casino on Saipan is a divisive issue not only in the Legislature but in the CNMI as a whole.

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TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference room.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda
d. Adoption of Minutes

II. Public Comments[1]

III. Reports
a. Chair's Report
b. Executive Director's Report

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business
a. Technical Standards Regulations
b. Appointment of Administrator Regulations
c. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
d. TDHC Casino Employee Applications

VI. Executive Session[2]

VII. Miscellaneous/ Administrative Matters

VIII. Adjournment

[1]Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2]Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF:	) FCD GU
THE APPOINTMENT OF	) CIVIL ACTION
GUARDIAN OF THE	) NO. 14-0272
ESTATE OF:	)
D.R.M.L (10/03/2000) &	) **NOTICE OF**
R.A.M.L. (09/08/1997)	) **HEARING**
Minor Children	)
	)
By	)
Rosie M. Lizama	)
Petitioner	)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor child by Rosie M. Lizama, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the 31st day of July, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. or as soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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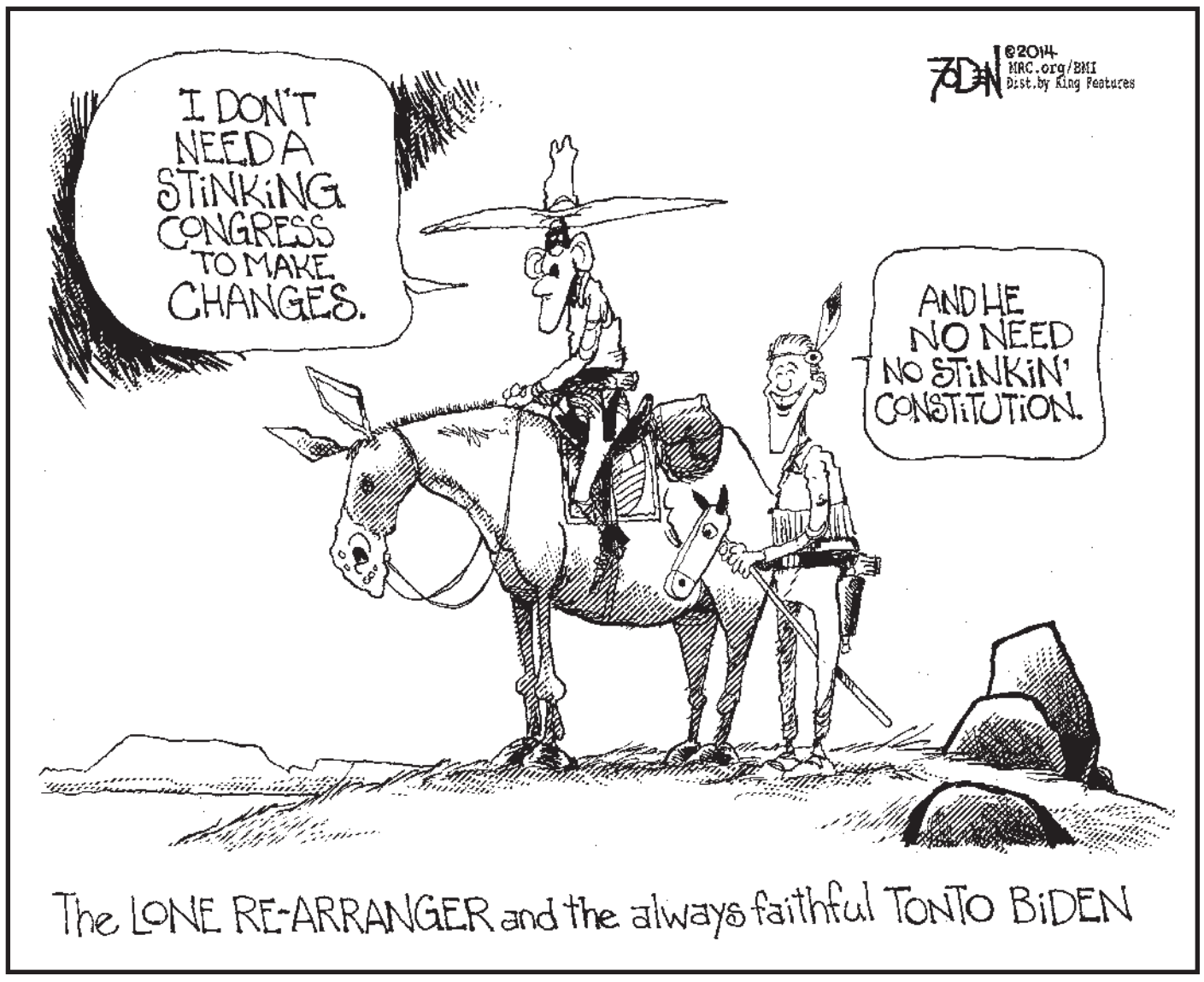
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EDITORIAL

Facebook experiment illustrates need for online users' bill of rights

Creepy doesn't begin to describe Facebook's 2012 psychological experiment on 700,000 of its unwitting users. Any attempt to manipulate the emotional state of consumers is unconscionable. It reflects poorly on the entire tech community, confirming privacy activists' worst fears.

This public relations disaster, coming on the heels of the NSA spying revelations, reasserts the pressing need for Silicon Valley to produce an online users' bill of rights. The alternative is an inevitable downward spiral of confidence in tech companies and their products. Could government regulation be far behind?

Social media and software companies have been hiding behind user agreements to excuse blatant invasions of privacy. Facebook's data use agreement is nearly as long as the Book of Revelations and about as comprehensible. To sum it up: In the event of anything short of an apocalypse, Facebook is covered.

And if anyone out there claims to carefully read all the terms and conditions for a web site before clicking "Accept" to join it—get out the salt shaker.

The basis for an online bill of rights must be full transparency. Social media users should not have to go through a 8,000 words of legalese to know what they're agreeing to.

It would help to have a shorthand summary of a user agreement in plain language. If something jumps out at users, they can read the whole thing. The Federal Trade Commission should look at requiring this, along the lines of the Food and Drug Administration labels that summarize the ingredients of food products.

The summary should include who will have access to a user's data and how it can be used. Are photographs shared? Are locations tracked? Are online purchases recorded? Are lists of acquaintances compiled? Are political or religious affiliations shared? Are online searches tracked? These are all yes or no answers. Details can be a click away.

At a minimum, users should have access to an annual report of the material being collected and what individuals or businesses have purchased any personal information. They should be able to opt out of having their personal data sold for any purpose.

Companies such as Facebook and Google contribute enormously to Silicon Valley's economy, creating services used by hundreds of millions of people a day. They've made billions by mining the data they collect from those users and selling it to companies that profit further from it.

Good for them. But they owe their customers basic honesty. And they shouldn't play mind games with the people from whom they profit.

The European Union is ahead of the United States in protecting personal information. Brazil passed an Internet bill of rights in April limiting the data that online companies can collect from users.

Silicon Valley should take the initiative to offer Americans the same protections. If it doesn't, the industry's reputation will continue to unravel. And companies won't be able to blame NSA snoops for it.

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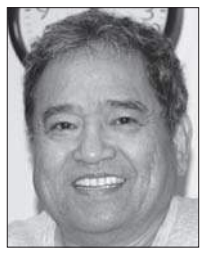
First of July

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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La Fete du Canada is the French phrase for Canada Day, First of July, when the color red this year streamed across the TV screens across Canada. Being a full resident of China where the East remains Red, I was not prepared for the preponderance of *Zhongguoren* (Chinese) north of the 48th parallel in North America. When I lived in Saskatchewan in the '70s, it was always a delight to stop by the local restaurant ran by a Chinese family. The red of Canada and the red of China are obviously not the same, but the presence of Chinese in the land of Truth North Strong and Free has become prominent in this year's celebration, judging from TV clips.

But first, in the official celebration of La Fete du Canada aired from the Quad of the Parliament Hill in Ottawa, the first song sang that got the governor general and everyone else on their feet was *God Save the Queen*, followed by *Oh, Canada.*

As a Commonwealth of the United Kingdom, Canada does recognize the Queen of England and the segment of the Canadian population that walks with a straight upper lip tend to mind their manners revering the aura of Kate and William when they visit the realm.

So, for Canada Day, I walked down 8th Avenue in downtown Calgary last Tuesday from the municipal building to the entrance of Stephen Avenue Walk by Toronto Dominion square. Like other festive occasions, the day had vendors lined up along the pedestrian-only avenue with tents and stalls selling food, handicrafts, and beverages even as entertainment was heard from neighboring parks; troubadours along the walk act their gig with open hats on the ground for donations under the long yellow-red banners draped on the street lights for the occasion.

I was told at Cole next to Brooks Brothers by TD Square that the establishment had to put notices of "for paying customers only" on the tables because Chinese workers would bring their food and occupy tables without buying anything from the food stalls. There is a racist resistance to the rapid ascent of Asians, for what used to be "Little Italy" north of the city has become an Asian enclave. Unfortunately, as Asians seems to look alike, Vietnamese, Koreans, Japanese and anyone else from Central Asia and Southeast Asia are dubbed "Chinese"!

The mayor of Calgary is of South Indian descent named Nenji, a candidate to replace Rob Ford of Toronto is a Chow, and Chinatown by the Bow River show magnificent structures and establishments trading not only Chinese goods but also patrons of the Bank of China, not a mere hole-in-the-wall offshore financial service in the downtown area, so the tinge of jealousy for things Chinese laces the perceived taint on a racial reputation.

The imperial *God Save the Queen* has not been an ethos historically friendly to the land of 56 ethnic groups of China, though its influence on Hong Kong is considerable. Thanks to the handover in 1997, the human and money capital exited Victoria Island swiftly and swelled the Chinatowns of the East Pacific shores of the West Coast of NA, particularly Vancouver in BC.

Oh, Canada, billed as the "Truth North Strong and Free" on this Canada Day, had CTV launch a highly participatory definition of the celebration's theme by asking everyone, "What is Canada to you?" Open, welcoming, and diverse are themes repeatedly uttered. "Free/Libre" is emblazoned on the TV screen.

The Boys' Choir of British Columbia led the Ottawa audience in singing both songs. The governor general gave a very spirited rendition by looks, though the audio was not turned up. And I sat as my brain cells shifted to lyrics learned in the Prairies of the '70s:

I have welcomed the dawn from the fields of Saskatchewan
Followed the sun to the Vancouver shore
Watched it climb shiny new up the snow peaks of Caribou
Up to the clouds where the wild Rockies soar.

I remember leaving Saskatoon just about the time Neil Young started humming his *Four Strong Winds* song, and on this the occasion of my fare-thee-well of North America, I was reminded once more:

Think I'll go out to Alberta, weather's good there in the fall
I got some friends that I could go to working for
Still I wish you'd change your mind if I asked you one more time
But we've been through this a hundred times or more.

One of my daughters was a Canadian for 18 years. Born in Saskatoon, of the options for travel papers from the U.S., the Philippines, and Canada passports she was allowed to have, Canada's was the cheapest. My peripatetic family presented a border-crossing challenge as spouse and daughter (born in Manila) crossed sovereign boundaries with United States passports while father and second daughter presented a Pea Eye and Canada passports.

Not a groupie for the defense of the original French *O Canada,* now, *Oh, Canada* in English, but being with Canucks in the remembered land of Chinooks in Calgary this past week made me feel warmly welcomed home once more.

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Health premium's a killer!

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*

The cost of long-term and catastrophic illnesses or even regular ambulatory medical services here is beyond the reach of most families. This is bad when the failed Obamacare policy has displaced more people who are supposed to be beneficiaries.

The issue is no rocket science stuff either. If you are underemployed (it involves some 52 percent of the workforce here) you subtract 40 percent from your income for health insurance, $500 to $1,000 for deductible (varies on whether your policy is high or low) plus another 40-percent increase on medication.

The arithmetic is simple: For every dollar you subtract $.65, the balance of which is what your income pans out to after deductions. If you are a retiree, you subtract 80 cents and the balance of 20 cents is your take home income. If you simply opt out of your health insurance policy, you must pay 100 percent (if you don't qualify for Medicaid). Those caught in between must fork out every penny to pay for healthcare.

Appalling that none of our esteemed leadership between here and Washington ever did anything to figure out the cost of the beast against what's left of family pocketbooks. Perhaps it's just another day at the office.

But then you quiz why the obvious arrogance in seemingly rehearsed ignorance. Eh, each is making between $60,000 and $90,500 per year. Arrogance plus insulation translates into apathy. They could no longer feel the hardship among the very people they represent. *Biba*!

Leadership is deaf and mute!

Esteemed and illustrious non-voting Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan never said anything against implementing Obamacare in the CNMI. He, the governor, and legislators sat comfortably, content it's okay. Really?

Appalling that the 40-percent increase in health insurance has derailed and displaced families here and you sit in grand ignorance as though things are honky dory? Is it hard seeing that it robs families some 40-plus percent of what's left in their pocketbooks, discounting the wrath of high power bills?

Does it matter to you the unsolicited hardship families have to endure because you were sound asleep on the switchboard? Furthermore, are you aware that the salaries and wages in the CNMI have remained the same for 20 years as the cost of living spikes like 4th of July firecrackers?

If Obama has exempted over 100 crony businesses across the country, why can't Kilili ask that the CNMI be exempted from a very destructive federal law that fails in its intent, in addition to recklessly ruining what's left of family pocketbooks? Is it because Kilili and his staff are also exempted from it, paid for by US taxpayers?

With family buying power reduced between 65 percent and 80 percent, did you do anything proactively to return this persistent loss via some realistic program? Or is it your wish that we join you in singing, "*Que sera, sera*?" *No mas!*

Navigating destruction

There's that strange sensation in the marrow of my bones that a political earthquake is headed our way. If it does then let the chips fall where they may. It's a long time coming anyway.

We've seen voters rebuking the statist tendencies of a former governor. Stunning, though, the number of people who came out and rendered a decision in political maturity. Let's continue this meaningful trend and journey up ahead.

Let's take back what's ours to show the elected elite upstairs that there's still "we the people" that each of them must respect. Our role is most vital in a democratic republic. Ours remains a government of laws and we definitely yearn for good governance through the grassroots.

Voters are more discriminating and critical these days. We know that quality of life begins with quality leadership. Anything in between must be relegated to the ash heap of history. Difficult as it may be, we've learned to navigate our canoe with a firm idea of our destination. Where we are today is far from our aspiration. Enough is enough!

The essence of leadership

When the biblical Moses led the Jews out of Egypt it was to free them from slavery. He fulfilled his assignment as a leader given by God the Father. He parted the waters to ensure every single one of them makes it to the other side, free from the wrath of merciless Egyptians.

In like fashion, there's high expectation that the leaders who hail from upstairs would embrace their role to ensure the people they represent are free from economic slavery! Nearly every elected elite has failed to heed his/her assignment. No one saw fit to part the waters of economic misery. This would have given our people the opportunity to enter the promised land of economic prosperity.

If you've failed to free our people from economic slavery, is our slaughter your next trophy relegating our livelihood deeper into misery land? *Dios mihu! Dalai `ste!*

Policy disorder

Buddy Magoo is doing research to pin down why the policy disorder in the CNMI since recent past. Said he: "Strange, the economy is in complete shambles yet these guys approve laws disallowing panty hanging in Garapan and another on cockfighting. Not only is it embarrassingly shallow, it's also hollow and speaks volumes of the caliber of people upstairs."

Retorted Buddy Muron: "Eh, when half the time the guys can't fathom issues of substance then do you really expect they'd do anything of significance to make a dent in the empty pocketbooks of families here? Each is raking in $90,500 per year and have learned to hide from the simple village folks." The assertions are correct. The only problem is whether the electorate has learned that it's time to boot the bums out of office! Most are ready to shift gear!

Hello! Is Buddy home?

People in the Wireless area on Capital Hill are suffering from a bad road and lack of water. Are Reps. George Camacho and Crispin Deleon Guerrero anywhere near Capital Hill?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A couple of suggestions

To the MHS students at the library on July 3

To the students and teachers attending the orientation session at the JKPL Thursday morning, it may have sounded like a good idea to learn about EBSCO, but for those that don't know what EBSCO is, it is a pay site that gives you access to 11,000 sites to get information for a variety of subjects. For those that don't know, YouTube gives you billions and billions of videos about everything on EBSCO and more, much more, for free. I heard that the CNMI and the former TT islands pay this company $50,000 a year for this service. Forgive me for calling someone stupid, but, someone is stupid. I report, you decide.

NMTI, what do you think of this?

There are a thousand or more grown men and women here without a high school diploma that can't get work in the CNMI because businesses require it. Many of these men and women have been working in jobs like culinary, masonry, carpentry, wiring, and HVAC, auto and diesel mechanics and so on for 10 to 30 years. Since your instructors are U.S. certified, why can't you just charge them $50 and let them show the instructors their stuff. If they are competent, they get a certificate of competency. It doesn't make any difference if they can't use it in Guam or any place else. These people live here and that's where they want to work, but can't, just because they lack a piece of paper. It's time our government started taking care of our people.

While I'm on NMTI, trying to run a technical/vocational school without incorporating touch screen tablets is insane. NMTI CEO Agnes McPhetres mentioned she wants to put up a technical library. Another insane idea. Everything is on YouTube and its everywhere and it's free. NMTI needs a general manager who knows about technology and trade schools. CNMI government, stop trying to reinvent the wheel. It's already been invented and all we have to do is go to YouTube and every problem and every solution to every situation that has or will ever come up in the CNMI is in there. And it doesn't require a committee or a commission or consultant. It's free. Think back to January 1978 when the first CNMI constitutional government was installed. The governor was Carlos Camacho, a medical doctor. Now imagine if one of his first thought was, "We will need a hospital that will require doctors so we will send five of our brightest scholars off every year to medical school, all expenses paid, including lodging, food, a car where necessary, and enough spending money so they can treat their colleagues to dinner and drinks once a week. After a few years we will have three to five real doctors coming back every year to the CNMI to work in our hospital for 10 years, at a decent salary, or whatever time frame the Legislature stipulated." Imagine CHC today. What if he said, "Maybe we should do this for CUC also"? A lot of what if's but we need education, so people, all the people, can make intelligent choices.

Ignorance is bliss for some

Hi Ray, I ran into Frank the other day. We've been friends since my first day here in 1979 at the Royal Taga. I was never a teacher but most of the rest of my biography is correct. You say that during the TT time there was no freedom but people were happy. LOL. They were leaving for greener pastures then as they are now. You still have only as much freedom as your leaders give you. Have you been to Palau lately? They have the same inept, corrupt, unresponsive government we have here. The only difference is that they don't have the feds looking over their shoulder. The gap between the haves and the have-nots is just as great but they don't have public assistance like the CNMI, where 50 percent or more of the population is getting some form of assistance a direct result of our politicians eliminating the middle class. We have rich and poor, no in between. Now, I agree 100 percent with you that the CNMI needs to move on but this being an election year, I see we have the same old, recycled, family connected people running for office. We need term limits and age limits. No one over 40 can run for office. The world is changing every two to three years now. If you check YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, you will only find two or three of the 20 or so candidates on any of them. Ridiculous in 2014. My goal is to change PSS, their curriculum, their focus and their direction. If you have any ideas I'd love to discuss them, please email me. garydubrall@gmail.com.

To the lady I talked to at the Minatchom Atdao

I asked you if Gov. Eloy Inos was talking about the 25 percent retirees lost and the casino and you told me no. The *Marianas Variety* said he was. I said it was a ploy to use the retirees. You asked what business it was of mine and what right do I have to "come here and tell us how to fix our problems." I said you sound like a PSS graduate and you said, why don't I go fix PSS. To answer these questions I will just say this. I have the same rights on Saipan as you do, assuming you carry a U.S. passport, and I am talking to students daily, writing letters daily, and informing everyone I meet that PSS needs to listen to the students and start adapting their curriculum to 2014 needs.

Governor, it's still a scam

In both papers, the headlines shouted out, "Inos: No to amending license" and "Clash of views on licenses." You say, again, and again and again, it's the only way for retirees to get their full retirement. Hotel occupancy has been running about 75 percent on existing rooms and there are still over 1,000 rooms in boarded-up hotels that can be opened when the need arises, and there are another 600 rooms in proposed new hotels. If these were open now, occupancy would be 50 percent, which is not enough to run a tourist industry. You and I know that it will be 20 years before those 2,000 rooms are ever built. Do the smart thing, governor, and just put everything on hold for fouronths until the people of the CNMI decide the issue. I also suggest you take some online courses to bring your accounting skills up to date. When you do, why not inform the good people of the CNMI just what the status of our finances really are, in simple terms we can understand? It's also your fiduciary responsibility as chief executive.

Gary DuBrall
Chalan Piao, Saipan

The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼79°	▲87° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°

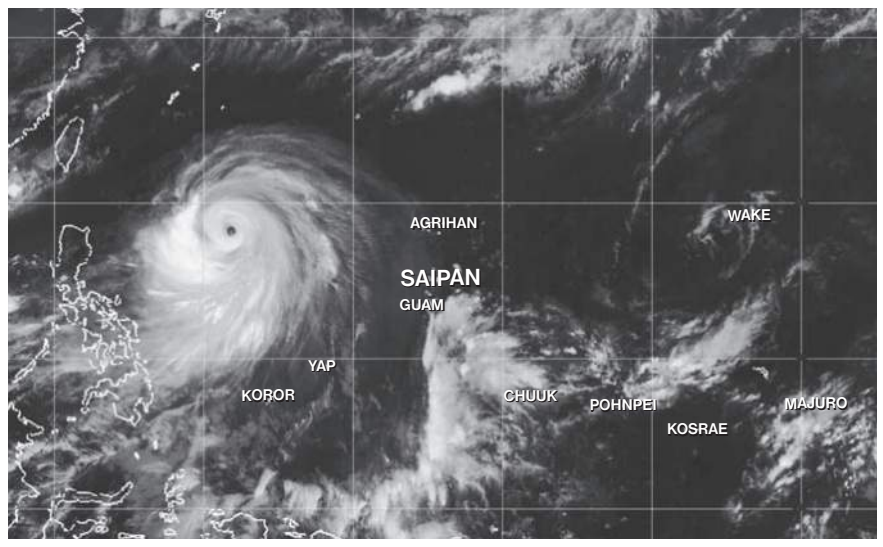
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲58	▼56
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼74
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼57
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼67
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲56	▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲85	▼79
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼68
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼73
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼58
Pusan	Showers	▲78	▼70
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼70
Salem	Sunny	▲90	▼62
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼53
Seoul	Sunny	▲89	▼73
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼70
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼70

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Neoguri (08W) is centered about 900 miles west-northwest of the Marianas at 18N132E moving west-northwest at 18 mph with maximum sustained winds of 140 mph. Numerous heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring within an area bounded by a line from 22N130E to 21N137E to 16N138E to 10N130E back to 22N130E. For more information on Neoguri, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Koror and Yap or south of a line from 5N130E to 2N142E. A broad surface trough runs southward from 13N147E to EQN148E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present west of Chuuk and southeast of the Marianas within 190 miles of a line from 14N148E to 3N147E to EQ142E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Kosrae and over Pohnpei between 13N and 7N from 157E to 167E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms mainly southeast of the Marshall Islands between 7N and 2N from 168E to the date line.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:07 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
10:26 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
4:48 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
9:45 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Tuesday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Wednesday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Thursday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Friday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:40 PM	12:49 AM
Tuesday	2:35 PM	1:35 AM
Wednesday	3:33 PM	2:24 AM
Thursday	4:33 PM	3:18 AM
Friday	5:33 PM	4:17 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	9:50pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
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UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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69th Liberation Day Parade

PHOTOS BY JAYSON CAMACHO

Cecilia Flores, widow of the late mayor Donald Glenn Pangelinan Flores, represents her husband during the 69th Liberation Day Parade.

The Department of Public Safety's Color Guard leads the parade of vehicles and organizations after the Matua Riders made their mark.

Falun Dafa members perform for dignitaries, families of former mayors, community members and visitors.

360 Revolving Restaurant's vehicle shows off their latest attraction—a man in a robot suit, shown here with his spinning machine gun.

CNMI Domatsuri, led by PDI's Gordon Marciano, perform a Carolinian dance for dignitaries, families of former mayors, community members, and visitors.

Two children of Matua Riders' members drive their four-wheeler during the 69th Liberation Day Parade.

Falun Dafa drummers march and beat their drums after the performance of the Falun Dafa dancers at the 69th Liberation Day Parade.

A representative of the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality helps Nemo, the BECQ mascot, wave to the crowd.

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos, far right, Saipan Mayor Marian Dlg. Tudela, second from right, and Cecilia Flores, third from right, have their picture taken.

A representative of Joeten Kiyu Public Library wears a costume from "Cat in the Hat" during the 69th Liberation Day Parade.

Former Liberation Day queens wave to dignitaries, families of former mayors, community members, and visitors.

Former Liberation Day queens get off their float at the end of the parade.

Lulu the Bird dances on the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance float during the 69th Liberation Day Parade.

The United Filipino Organization's Pinoy Super Mom candidates dance for dignitaries, families of former mayors, community members, and visitors.

The United Filipino Organization's float was the only competitive float in the 69th Liberation Day Parade.

Manny the Fish dances on top of the Division of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement boat during the 69th Liberation Day Parade.

Business

Solid US job gains pointing to a stronger recovery

WASHINGTON (AP)—The 5-year-old U.S. recovery is gaining momentum from a surprisingly robust job market and moving the economy closer to full health.

Employers added 288,000 jobs in June and helped cut the unemployment rate from 6.3 percent to 6.1 percent, the lowest since 2008. It was the fifth straight monthly gain above 200,000—the best such stretch since the late 1990s tech boom.

The stock market signaled its approval. The Dow Jones industrial average surged 92 points to top 17,000 for the first time.

The breadth and consistency of the job growth are striking in part because of how poorly the year began. The economy shrank at a steep 2.9 percent annual rate in the January-March quarter as a harsh winter contributed to the sharpest contraction since the depths of the recession.

Yet employers have shrugged off that setback. They've kept hiring.

The unemployment rate dipped from 6.3 percent in May to its lowest level since the financial crisis struck with full force in the fall of 2008, when the Wall Street firm Lehman Brothers went bankrupt.

"This has now become a textbook jobs expansion," said Patrick O'Keefe, director of economic research at the consultancy CohnReznick. "It is both broad and accelerating."

AP

In this Thursday, June 12, 2014 photo, people wait in line for the Cleveland Career Fair in Independence, Ohio.

At least one nagging doubt is dampening the enthusiasm: Can the stepped-up hiring lead to higher incomes? Wages have yet to outpace inflation for most workers. Eventually, analysts say, the falling unemployment rate should cause pay to rise more sharply. But no one knows precisely when.

The jobs report did make clear that, five years after the recession officially ended, the U.S. economy is showing more vitality even as major economies in Europe and Asia continue to struggle.

Last month's solid hiring followed gains of 217,000 jobs in May and 304,000 in April, figures that were revised upward by a combined 29,000.

Over the past 12 months, the economy has added nearly 2.5 million jobs—an average of 208,000 a month, the fastest year-over-year pace since 2006.

Economists say the steady U.S. hiring should fuel more purchases of goods from Asia and Europe and strengthen those economies at least slightly. Much of Europe is suffering from high unemployment. And China is trying to moderate its economy's growth without slowing it too much.

"If we have some momentum going into the second half of the year, it helps the world economy because we're big consumers," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services.

Most union members have ties to government

WASHINGTON (AP)—Unions representing government workers are expanding while organized labor has been shedding private sector members over the past half-century.

A majority of union members today now have ties to a government entity, at the federal, state or local levels.

Roughly 1-in-3 public sector workers is a union member, compared with about 1-in-15 for the private sector workforce, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Overall, 11.3 percent of wage and salary workers in the United States are unionized, down from a peak of 35 percent during the mid-1950s in the strong post-World War II recovery.

The typical union worker now is more likely to be an educator, office worker or food or service industry employee rather than a construction worker, autoworker, electrician or mechanic. Far more women than men are among the union-label ranks.

In a blow to public sector unions, the Supreme Court ruled this week that thousands of health care workers in Illinois who are paid by the state cannot be required to pay fees that help cover a union's cost of collective bargaining.

The justices said the practice violates the First Amendment rights of nonmembers who disagree with stances taken by unions.

The ruling was narrowly drawn, but it could reverberate through the universe of unions that represent government workers. The case involved home-care workers for disabled people who are paid with Medicaid funds administered by the state.

Also in June, a California judge declared unconstitutional the state's teacher tenure, dismissal and layoff laws. The judge ordered a stay of the decision, pending an appeal by the state and teachers union.

Atlantic City casino shutdown needed, analysts say

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Atlantic City started the year with 12 casinos. By Labor Day, it could be down to nine.

For years, economists and analysts talked in theoretical terms about "casino saturation" in the northeastern United States. But there's nothing theoretical about what's happening in Atlantic City now.

The Atlantic Club is dead, taken down by two rivals. Revel says it will close if a buyer can't be found, and Caesars Entertainment, which says there are too many casinos in New Jersey, plans to shutter one of its four, the Showboat, on Aug. 31.

Mayor Don Guardian, who could see a quarter of his city's casinos close during his first year in office, said Atlantic City is in the midst of a difficult but necessary makeover from being a gambling resort to a multi-faceted destination where betting is only part of the allure.

"Although it is sad today, it's part of the transition that Atlantic City needs to have," he said Friday, hours after the Showboat shutdown was announced. "There is pain as we go through this transition, but it's critical for Atlantic City to realize we are no longer the monopoly of gaming on the East Coast. If you build more and more casinos and don't increase the amount of people coming to them, you're sharing that wealth. We're just going through a very difficult time."

Since 2006, Atlantic City's casino revenue has plunged from a high of $5.2 billion to $2.86 billion last year. It has been beset by competition from Pennsylvania, which has surpassed it as the nation's No. 2 casino market after Nevada, and suffered further losses with additional casinos coming online in New York and Maryland.

Nation

NYC firefighter killed battling Brooklyn blaze

NEW YORK (AP)—A blaze broke out on an upper floor of a Brooklyn public-housing high-rise Saturday, trapping a New York City fire lieutenant who was overcome by smoke and later died.

Lt. Gordon Ambelas, 40, died at a hospital late Saturday night after the he was pulled from the building unconscious, said department spokesman Frank Gribbon. Ambelas was pronounced dead at Woodhull Medical Center just after 11 p.m.

It is the department's first line of duty death in more than two years and the 18th since 343 firefighters perished in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Two other firefighters were treated at Bellevue Hospital for minor injuries. Two residents received treatment at the scene for minor injuries.

Ambelas was among the firefighters honored last month for helping to save a 7-year-old boy who became trapped in a roll-down gate in May. The boy was pulled 15 feet off the ground when his arm and head got stuck.

Ambelas said at the time that the incident "shows that FDNY members are always ready to help others. It was great teamwork all around."

The fire broke out around 9:30 p.m. Saturday in an apartment on the 19th floor of a 21-floor building in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. The building is part of the six-building Independence Towers complex owned by the New York City Housing Authority.

It quickly went to a second-alarm as flames spread to the 17th and 18th floors.

A mayday call came over the fire radio just after 10 p.m., followed by a report 20 minutes later that a firefighter had gone into in cardiac arrest and was being taken to Woodhull.

Mayor Bill de Blasio arrived at the hospital around midnight. He and Fire Commissioner Daniel Nigro confirmed the death to reporters at the hospital.

Only road onto NC island reopening after Arthur

KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C. (AP)—North Carolina's popular beach towns began returning to the business of recreation Saturday, after Arthur lashed the state's coast with forceful winds and heavy rain and then churned northward without leaving a trail of significant damage.

Arthur was downgraded to a tropical storm early Saturday, but the storm's near-hurricane strength winds slammed into Canada's maritime provinces, causing about 250,000 customers to lose power. The storm has caused flight cancellations and delays at the region's largest airport in Halifax, while flooding some local roads in New Brunswick.

New England was largely spared from damage spawned by the storm, but some 19,000 people in Maine and 1,600 in Vermont were without power after high winds and heavy rains pounded the region. There were reports of localized flooding in coastal areas of Massachusetts and the Nova Star Ferry suspended service Friday and Saturday morning because of dangerous seas. No injuries or deaths have been reported.

The hurricane's effects in North Carolina were mostly confined to Hatteras and Ocracoke islands, and some vacationers were already back on beaches to the north and south on Friday. But the ocean churned by Arthur remained dangerous Saturday with the risk of rip currents able to wash the strongest swimmer to sea. That didn't stop thousands of people from enjoying the sun and sand and leaving lifeguards to remind beach-goers of the danger.

"We're going to try to keep people out of the water and keep them safe," said David Elder, lifeguard supervisor for the town of Kill Devil Hills. "However, if conditions abate, I'd be glad to drop" the no-swimming warning. More than 600 of the 700 lifeguard rescues by Elder's department last year were required because of rip currents, he said.

The only road onto Hatteras Island was reopened to all traffic on Saturday afternoon, hours after permanent residents were first allowed to return. The island had been closed to visitors since early Thursday. With many weeklong cottage rentals running Saturday to Saturday, local businesses were hoping to salvage the second half of the holiday weekend.

ACROSS THE NATION

Philadelphia fire kills 4 kids, engulfs 10 houses

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Fire raced through a row of two-story homes in southwest Philadelphia early Saturday, killing three 4-year-olds and a baby and engulfing at least 10 houses, officials said. A woman and three other children escaped through a second-floor window. The blaze began shortly before 3 a.m. and was brought under control in about an hour, fire officials said. At least eight row homes were gutted, leaving behind only charred frames. The cause of the fire remains under investigation, but witnesses said it may have begun on a couch on a porch. Among the dead were 4-year-old twin girls. Their mother, 41-year-old Dewen Bowah, told police she was in the home with seven children and managed to get her three other daughters out before jumping from second-floor window. But she couldn't save the twins, Maria and Marialla Bowah, or 1-month-old Taj Jacque and 4-year-old Patrick Sanyeah. The boys' mother wasn't in the home at the time.

Shark bites man near Southern California beach

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. (AP)—A swimmer was bitten Saturday by a juvenile great white shark that grew agitated trying to free itself from a hook a fisherman had thrown into the water off Southern California's Manhattan Beach Pier, officials said. The man, who was with a group of long-distance swimmers when he swam into the fishing line, was bitten on a side of his rib cage around 9:30 a.m., said Rick Flores, a Los Angeles County Fire Department spokesman. The man's injuries were not life-threatening and he was taken to a hospital conscious and breathing on his own, Flores said. Witnesses said the approximately 7-foot shark was thrashing around in the water for more than 30 minutes before biting the swimmer about 300 yards off the beach.

4 confirmed dead in Fla. boat collision

MIAMI (AP)—Three boats collided near a Miami marina around the end of a fireworks display, killing four and injuring a dozen others in a chaotic scene that left bodies and survivors tossed overboard. Multiple law enforcement agencies responded to the crash Friday night near the Dinner Key Marina in Miami, with officers plucking several people out of the water. The boaters are believed to have been out celebrating the Fourth of July holiday. Rescuers were alerted by one of the boaters at about 10:45 p.m. He said he'd been hit by another vessel and that his 36-foot pleasure craft was taking on water, authorities said.

Asia

3rd PH senator arrested in corruption case

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Philippine senator and dictatorship-era defense chief surrendered Friday to face a charge of large-scale corruption, the most prominent of three top politicians snared in the government's crackdown on graft in recent weeks.

Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile was indicted and ordered arrested by an anti-graft court for allegedly receiving huge kickbacks from a scam that diverted millions of dollars from anti-poverty and development funds allotted to lawmakers.

His former chief aide in the Senate and co-accused, Jessica Lucila Reyes, also surrendered.

Enrile, 90, was the defense minister when late strongman Ferdinand Marcos placed the country under martial rule in 1972, the start of a 14-year dictatorship characterized by widespread human rights violations and corruption.

Enrile broke off from Marcos in 1986 and helped lead a "people power" revolt that ousted the dictator, his family and allies. In the tumultuous post-dictatorship era, he was detained twice after being linked to several military rebellions, including mutinies against President Corazon Aquino, late mother of the current president.

But he continued to serve in government and later was elected to the Senate, where he once served as president.

The arrests of Enrile and two other senators are a milestone in this Southeast Asian nation's long battle with corruption, which President Benigno Aquino III has blamed for causing the wrenching poverty that afflicts a fourth of the population and which has forced millions to leave the country in search of menial jobs and better opportunities abroad.

AP

Former Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, second left, is helped to a waiting ambulance after undergoing processing at the Philippine National Police upon his surrender on corruption charges Friday, July 4, 2014 at Camp Crame at suburban Quezon city, northeast of Manila, Philippines.

A prominent lawyer himself, Enrile has denied the accusation that he pocketed 172 million pesos ($3.94 million) in kickbacks and enlisted top-notch lawyers to defend him.

"He kissed all his children and grandchildren goodbye. There were tears of course. He said, 'Don't worry I will be back,'" said Enrique dela Cruz, one of Enrile's lawyers.

While he had been detained but never convicted in the past for his alleged role in attempts to overthrow the government, Enrile wants to clear his name in the case of economic plunder, according to de la Cruz.

After arriving at the national police headquarters in a convoy of SUVs, police said Enrile was booked and underwent medical tests that showed high blood pressure. Officials placed him temporarily under hospital arrest.

New N. Korea probe seen as abductees' last chance

TOKYO (AP)—For many families of Japanese citizens abducted by North Korea decades ago, a renewed investigation by the North is most likely their last chance to see their loved ones. The elderly relatives say they are pinning all their hopes on the effort before time runs out.

After decades of waiting, they saw a door open in May when Japan and North Korea agreed on a renewed investigation of at least a dozen people Japan believes were abducted. And on Friday, the long overdue investigation began in Pyongyang.

Sakie Yokota said she still believes her daughter Megumi, abducted nearly 40 years ago, is alive even though North Korea said she's dead. Like others, Yokota says she is becoming desperate, because she is already 78 and her husband, Shigeru, is 81.

North Korean agents abducted Megumi from Japan's northern coastal town of Niigata in 1977 as she was walking home from school badminton practice when she was 13.

"All along I've believed Megumi is alive and that has never changed. I want her to return to Japan alive, no matter what her condition is," Yokota said. She said the probe should lead to concrete results soon, or chances for the elderly relatives to learn about their loved ones' whereabouts would be lost forever.

"We don't have much time left. I hope to see that happen as soon as possible, not months or years from now, because we are all getting old," she said.

After years of denial, North Korea acknowledged in 2002 that it had abducted Japanese citizens to train its spies in the 1970s and 1980s, and eventually returned five of them. It said others had died or never entered the North. Tokyo disputes that and wants an investigation into at least 12 abductees, including Megumi Yokota.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Wall collapse kills 11 workers in southern India

CHENNAI, India (AP)—Eleven construction workers were killed Sunday after the boundary wall of a warehouse collapsed in southern India in the country's latest building disaster. The laborers had built lean-tos and shacks near the wall that came down before dawn after heavy rains, said K Veera Raghav Rao, a senior district official. One worker was hospitalized in a village in Tamil Nadu's Thiruvallur district. Rao said that cause of the collapse will be investigated.

Chinese state media: 17 miners trapped underground

BEIJING (AP)—Rescuers on Sunday worked to free 17 miners trapped following a gas explosion at a coal mine in western China, the country's official news agency reported. The blast at the mine 120 kilometers (70 miles) from Urumqi, the capital of the sprawling Xinjiang region, happened on Saturday evening, according to the Xinhua News Agency. It said three other people working inside the mine at the time had been rescued. China has the world's deadliest mines, although the safety record has been improving in recent years as regulators have strengthened enforcement of safety rules.

World

Ukraine claims victory in rebel stronghold

SLOVYANSK, Ukraine (AP)—Ukrainian troops forced pro-Russian insurgents out of a key stronghold in the country's embattled east on Saturday, a significant success that suggested the government may finally be making gains in a months-long battle against a spreading separatist insurgency.

As rebels fled from Slovyansk, vowing to regroup elsewhere and fight on, President Petro Poroshenko hailed the recapture of the city as "the start of a turning point" in a battle that has claimed more than 400 lives since April.

After a night of heavy fighting that saw heavy artillery fire from Ukraine's troops, government soldiers were in full control of rebel headquarters in Slovyansk, a city of about 100,000 that has been a center of the fighting between Kiev's troops and the pro-Russian insurgents.

Soldiers raised the Ukrainian flag over the city council building, while troops carried stockpiles of weapons out of the city's administrative and police buildings, which have been under rebel control since early April.

"It's not a total victory. But the purging of Slovyansk of these bands, made up of people armed to the teeth, has incredible symbolic importance," Poroshenko said in a statement posted on his official website.

Artillery fire on rebel forces began late on Friday and lasted into the night. On Saturday, fighting could still be heard on the northern outskirts of the city.

Ukraine's newly appointed Minister of Defense, Valery Heletey, was milling around with troops in the city center. He said that three planes with food and other supplies will soon arrive in Slovyansk.

A spokesman for the National Security and Defense Council said earlier that mopping-up operations were continuing.

"Slovyansk is under siege. Now an operation is going on to neutralize small groups hiding in buildings where peaceful citizens are living," Andriy Lysenko told journalists in Kiev.

Andrei Purgin of the separatist Donetsk People's Republic told The Associated Press that rebels were evacuating, but claimed the army's campaign had left the city "in ruins."

Video purportedly shows extremist leader in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP)—A man purporting to be the leader of the Sunni extremist group that has declared an Islamic state in territory it controls in Iraq and Syria has made what would be his first public appearance, delivering a sermon at a mosque in Iraq's second-largest city, according to a video posted online Saturday.

The 21-minute video that is said to show Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the head of the Islamic State group, was reportedly filmed on Friday at the Great Mosque in the northern city of Mosul. It was released on at least two websites known to be used by the organization and bore the logo of its media arm, but it was not possible to independently verify whether the person shown was indeed al-Baghdadi.

There are only a few known photographs of al-Baghdadi, an ambitious Iraqi militant believed to be in his early 40s with a $10 million U.S. bounty on his head. Since taking the reins of the group in 2010, he has transformed it from a local branch of al-Qaida into an independent transnational military force, positioning himself as perhaps the preeminent figure in the global jihadi community.

Al-Baghdadi's purported appearance in Mosul, a city of some 2 million that the militants seized last month, came five days after his group declared the establishment of an Islamic state, or caliphate, in the territories it seized in Iraq and Syria. The group proclaimed al-Baghdadi the leader of its state and demanded that all Muslims pledge allegiance to him.

In the video, the man said to be al-Baghdadi says that "the mujahedeen have been rewarded victory by God after years of jihad, and they were able to achieve their aim and hurried to announce the caliphate and choose the Imam," referring to the leader.

"It is a burden to accept this responsibility to be in charge of you," he adds. "I am not better than you or more virtuous than you. If you see me on the right path, help me. If you see me on the wrong path, advise me and halt me. And obey me as far as I obey God."

Speaking in classical Arabic with little emotion, he outlines a vision that emphasizes holy war, the implementation of a strict interpretation of Islamic law, and the philosophy that the establishment of an Islamic caliphate is a duty incumbent on all Muslims.

WORLD BRIEFS

Israel strikes 10 militant sites in Gaza Strip

JERUSALEM (AP)—The Israeli military says it has carried out airstrikes on 10 militant sites in the Gaza Strip, including rocket launchers and a weapons manufacturing site. The airstrikes early Sunday come following at least 29 other rockets and mortars fired from the Gaza Strip at Israel over the weekend. Two of those rockets were aimed at Beersheba, a southern city deeper into Israel than any other attack in the current round of violence. The military says its "Iron Dome" defense system intercepted the two rockets. Also Sunday, the army arrested a Palestinian in the West Bank city of Hebron. His family identified him as Hossam Dufesh. The army would not elaborate on the arrest. Israeli forces have concentrated its search for the killers of three Israeli teens on the Hebron area.

Red Cross: 13 dead in attacks in Kenyan coast

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—Thirteen people have been killed in overnight attacks by gunmen in two counties on the Kenyan coast, where last month al-Qaida-linked militants claimed responsibility for killing 65 people, the Kenya Red Cross said Sunday. The Sunday attacks took place in the towns of Hindi in Lamu county and Gamba in Tana River, the Kenya Red Cross chief Abbas Gulet said. Al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab militants from Somalia claimed responsibility for the attacks. According to the Lamu county commissioner Njenga Miiri, a group of about 15 gunmen raided the Malamandi village of Hindi and started shooting at residents.

4 killed in car bomb attack in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—Four people were killed when a car laden with explosives blew up near the parliamentary building in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, a police official said Saturday. The Somali terror group al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the bombing. Capt. Mohammed Hussein said the car exploded at a checkpoint where it had been stopped by Somali troops. The dead were soldiers and refugees from an internal refugee camp near the check point, Hussien said. He said Somali troops had ordered the driver of the car out the vehicle for a search when he detonated the explosives.

Focus

VA falls short on female medical issues

AP

In this June 18, 2014 photo, Army Sgt. LaQuisha Gallmon holds her 2-month-old Abbagayle Gallmon while at her home in Greenville, S.C. Gallmon said that her local VA office had authorized her to see a private physician during her pregnancy, so she went to an emergency room after experiencing complications in her sixth month of pregnancy.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Already pilloried for long wait times for medical appointments, the beleaguered Department of Veterans Affairs has fallen short of another commitment: to attend to the needs of the rising ranks of female veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, many of them of child-bearing age.

Even the head of the VA's office of women's health acknowledges that persistent shortcomings remain in caring for the 390,000 female vets seen last year at its hospitals and clinics - despite an investment of more than $1.3 billion since 2008, including the training of hundreds of medical professionals in the fundamentals of treating the female body.

AP IMPACT

According to an Associated Press review of VA internal documents, inspector general reports and interviews:

■ Nationwide, nearly one in four VA hospitals does not have a fulltime gynecologist on staff. And about 140 of the 920 community-based clinics serving veterans in rural areas do not have a designated women's health provider, despite the goal that every clinic would have one.

■ When community-based clinics refer veterans to a nearby university or other private medical facility to be screened for breast cancer, more than half the time their mammogram results are not provided to patients within two weeks, as required under VA policy.

■ Female veterans have been placed on the VA's Electronic Wait List at a higher rate than male veterans. All new patients who cannot be schedule for an appointment in 90 days or less are placed on that wait list.

■ And according to a VA presentation last year, female veterans of child-bearing age were far more likely to be given medications that can cause birth defects than were women being treated through a private HMO.

"Are there problems? Yes," said Dr. Patricia Hayes, the VA's chief consultant for women's health in an AP interview. "The good news for our health care system is that as the number of women increases dramatically, we are going to continue to be able to adjust to these circumstances quickly."

The 5.3 million male veterans who used the VA system in fiscal year 2013 far outnumbered female patients, but the number of women receiving care at VA has more than doubled since 2000. The tens of thousands of predominantly young, female veterans returning home has dramatically changed the VA's patient load, and the system has yet to fully catch up. Also, as the total veteran population continues to decrease, the female veteran population has been increasing year after year, according to a 2013 VA report.

All enrolled veterans can use what the VA describes as its "comprehensive medical benefits package," though certain benefits may vary by individual and ailment, just like for medical care outside the VA system. The VA typically covers all female-specific medical needs, aside from abortions and in-vitro fertilization.

The strategic initiatives, which sprang from recommendations issued six years ago to enhance women's health system-wide, have kick started research about women veterans' experience of sexual harassment, assault or rape in a military setting; established working groups about how to build prosthetics for female soldiers; and even led to installation of women's restrooms at the more than 1,000 VA facilities.

Yet enduring problems with the delivery of care for women veterans are surfacing now amid the growing criticism of the VA's handling of patient care nationwide and allegations of misconduct, lengthy wait times and potential unnecessary deaths.

Used to treating the men who served in Vietnam, Korea or World War II, many of the VA's practitioners until a few years ago were unaccustomed to treating menopause or giving advice about birth control.

The study on distribution of prescription medication that could cause birth defects is illustrative of the lagging awareness; one of every two women veterans has received medication from a VA pharmacy that could cause birth defects, compared to one in every six women who received drugs care through a private health care system, said the study's author, Eleanor Bimla Schwarz, a senior medical expert on reproductive health with VA.

Schwarz, who also directs women's health research at the University of Pittsburgh, pointed out that while she does not believe any of the veterans surveyed were pregnant at the time, it is critical to keep in mind that many new female veterans are of child-bearing age, a higher percentage are on medication than in the general population and the majority of these women are not on contraception.

Hayes said the VA seeks to place a trained, designated women's provider in every facility and expects to install a "one-stop" health care model that allows women to go to one provider for a range of services, including annual physicals, mental health services, gynecological care and mammograms. Until that happens, however, some VA clinics have limited gender-specific health treatments available for women.

Army Sgt. Ashley Morris, who worked as an operating room technician for six months in 2008-2009 at a military hospital in Baghdad's Green Zone that treated soldiers hit by suicide bombs or wounded in firefights, said that promised transformation is badly needed. She returned having flashbacks and suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, and spent a month hospitalized in a psychiatric facility in Pueblo, Colorado.

Now back home in Albertville, Alabama, she said she was ordered in March by a physician at the nearby community-based VA clinic to get a mammogram, given her mother's medical history. But Morris said she had to wait so long to get an outside appointment that she never made it to the doctor, in part, she said, because the VA would not reimburse her for the gas mileage to get to the private screening center 65 miles away in Birmingham.

"As a young female coming home from Iraq, they don't have the care that we need at the local clinic," said Morris, 26. "If it's anything over psych medications, I have to go to Birmingham, and they've stopped compensating me for driving there." VA policy says any veteran who has been approved to get care at an outside facility will be reimbursed for gas mileage or get their transport paid for by the system, said VA spokeswoman Ndidi Mojay.

Jeffrey Hester, spokesman for the VA in Birmingham, said he was not aware of Morris' circumstances.

Female veterans are more likely than their male counterparts to be referred outside the VA system for specialty care, Hayes acknowledged. Nearly one-third of all female patients received at least one day of treatment at a non-VA facility in fiscal year 2012, as compared to 15 percent of their male counterparts, according to the most recent data Hayes supplied.

Many female veterans report having to drive hours to get to a facility that offers specialized gender-specific care, while some of them tell of struggling to get the VA to pick up the tab for them to see a nearby private doctor.

Army Sgt. LaQuisha Gallmon of Greenville, South Carolina, whose daughter was born two months ago, said she had been authorized to see a private physician of her choice for prenatal visits and delivery. But because the paperwork hadn't been fully processed when she went to an outside emergency room for complications in her sixth month of pregnancy, VA has refused to pay the $700 bill, she said.

"I called the VA women's clinic and they told me everything was approved for me to get outside care and I should be getting the packet in the mail," said Gallmon, 32, who served six years in Iraq, Germany and Fort Gordon, Georgia. "Right after that, I wound up in the ER for complications, and a week later I received the letter saying they wouldn't pay for it."

The VA typically covers prenatal and pregnancy-related care through arrangements with community health care providers, said Mojay.

According to a recent opinion by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the VA has an urgent need to continue training providers in female reproductive health and contraception.

Women appear to face particular difficulties getting gender-specific care in community-based clinics, 15 percent of which lacked a designated women's care provider at the end of fiscal year 2013, according to data supplied by VA. Separately, in a report published last year, the VA OIG found that 60 percent of the female patients at community clinics who were surveyed by government inspectors did not receive results of their normal breast cancer screenings within the required two weeks and results for 45 percent of them never made it into the VA's electronic health records.

Health & Fitness

Summer cocktails may be more potent than you think

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
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WASHINGTON (AP)—How strong is that pina colada? Depending on how it's made, it could contain as much alcohol as two glasses of wine.

The National Institutes of Health is trying to spread the word: Take a look at its online alcohol calculator to see how much you're really drinking with those summer cocktails.

A "standard drink" is the amount of alcohol in a 12-ounce beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of distilled spirits. It's a useful way to track alcohol consumption. But the multiple ingredients of mixed drinks make for a harder count.

"Most people don't realize how much alcohol is actually in a drink," said Dr. George Koob, director of the NIH's National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

"Obviously it depends on the bartender and who's mixing the drinks," Koob adds.

Recipes matter: The calculator's pina colada example, for instance, assumes it contains 3 ounces of rum. Plan on using 2 ounces instead? The calculator adjusts to show it's like 1.3 standard drinks.

A mango mojita, left, and sangria. MCT

What about a margarita? The calculator concludes it's the equivalent of 1.7 standard drinks, if made with 1.5 ounces of tequila, an ounce of orange liqueur and half an ounce of lime juice.

A mojito? 1.3 standard drinks. A martini, extra dry? 1.4 standard drinks.

Other favorites? Type them in: http://rethinkingdrinking.niaaa.nih.gov/ToolsResources/CocktailCalculator.asp .

Beyond beverage choice, Koob, who specializes in the neurobiology of alcohol, has some tips:

SUMMER HEAT

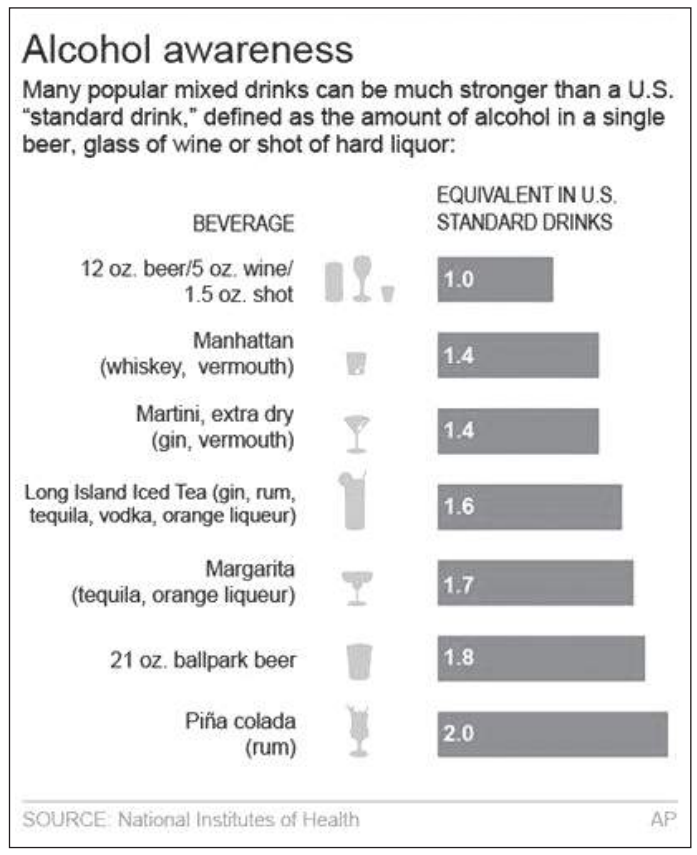
Heat increases thirst but alcohol is a diuretic, Koob notes. So in addition to the usual advice to pace yourself—no more than one standard drink an hour—Koob says to stay hydrated by alternating some water or club soda with the alcohol.

GENDER DIFFERENCES

Women's bodies react differently to alcohol, and not just because they tend to weigh less than men. They don't metabolize alcohol as quickly, and their bodies contain less water. On average, it takes one less drink for a woman to become intoxicated than a man of the same weight, Koob said. The NIAAA's definition of low-risk drinking for women is no more than seven drinks a week and no more than three drinks on any single day, while for men the limit is no more than 14 drinks a week and no more than four drinks on any single day.

BEYOND DRINKING AND DRIVING

The July Fourth holiday weekend historically is dangerous on the highways: 38 percent of fatalities involved alcohol-impaired driving in 2011, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.


Alcohol awareness
Many popular mixed drinks can be much stronger than a U.S. "standard drink," defined as the amount of alcohol in a single beer, glass of wine or shot of hard liquor:
BEVERAGE
EQUIVALENT IN U.S. STANDARD DRINKS
12 oz. beer/5 oz. wine/ 1.5 oz. shot
1.0
Manhattan (whiskey, vermouth)
1.4
Martini, extra dry (gin, vermouth)
1.4
Long Island Iced Tea (gin, rum, tequila, vodka, orange liqueur)
1.6
Margarita (tequila, orange liqueur)
1.7
21 oz. ballpark beer
1.8
Piña colada (rum)
2.0
SOURCE: National Institutes of Health
AP

But alcohol also doesn't mix with boating, or swimming and diving, Koob warns. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, alcohol use is involved in up to 70 percent of adult and adolescent deaths associated with water recreation.

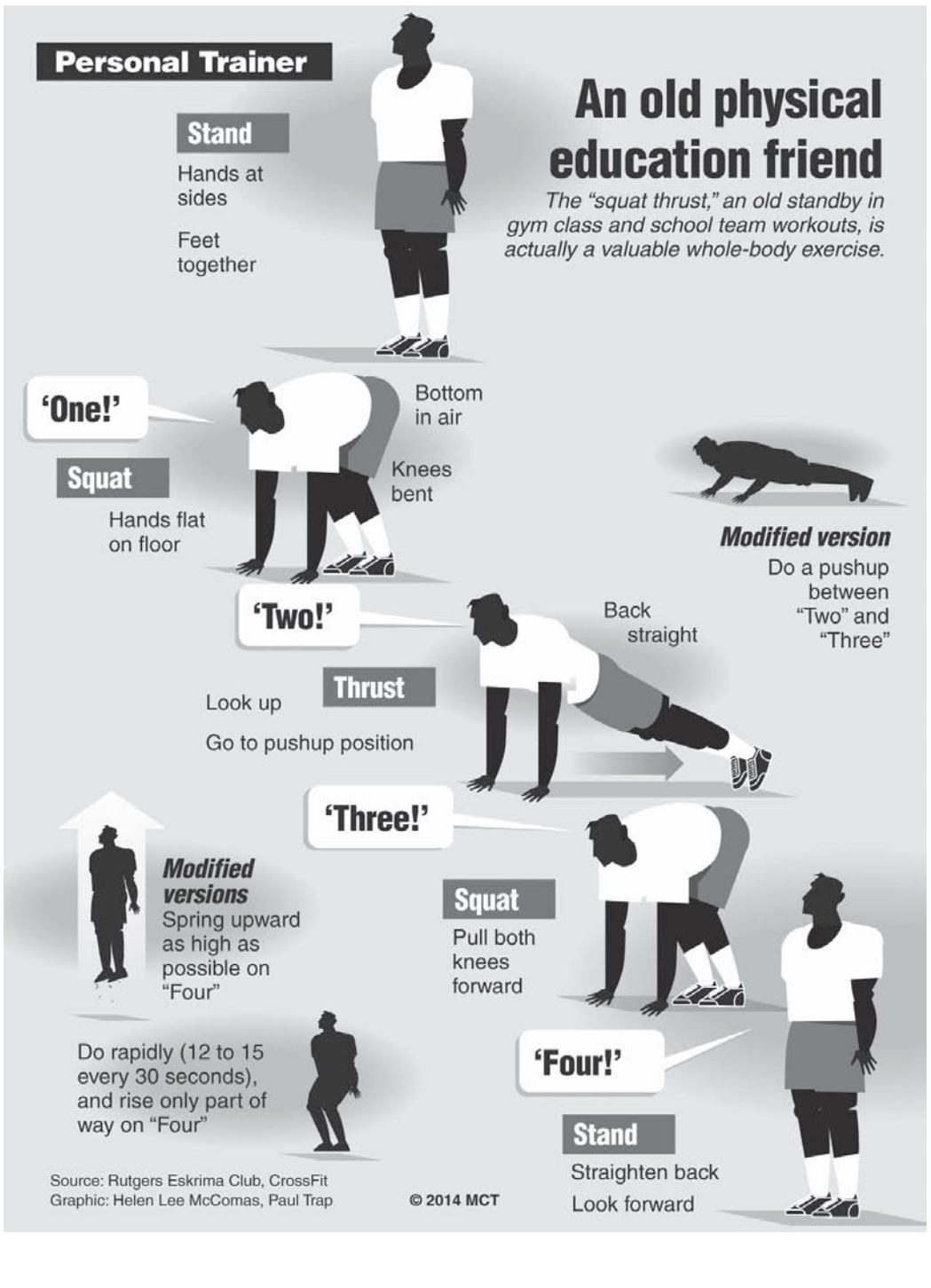
HOLDING YOUR ALCOHOL

What determines why one drink is plenty for one person while another routinely downs two or three? Genes play a big role. So do environmental factors, such as getting used to drinking a certain amount. That tolerance is a balancing act, Koob says. He cites research showing the person who can drink others under the table is at higher risk for alcohol problems later in life than is someone more sensitive to its effects.

WHEN ALCOHOL IS A PROBLEM

Alcohol use disorders affect an estimated 17 million Americans. There are two medications that can help, targeting different steps in the addiction cycle, Koob said. More medications that work in different ways are needed, but changing lifestyle, cognitive therapy and support groups all play a role, he said.

Medications "are never going to cure the disease," Koob said. "What they will do is help you on the way."



EPA's tips for a happy and healthy summer

WASHINGTON—Planning fun summer activities, such as beach trips, hiking, and gardening? Follow Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) helpful tips -- good for your health, your wallet, and your environment.

AIR QUALITY: People with heart and lung disease, older adults and children are at greater risk from the presence of pollutants in the air and should closely monitor the air quality in their area. AirNow's Air Quality Index translates data into color categories so people can better understand what actions to take to protect their health. For more information and a real-time map: http://www.airnow.gov/. You can download the AQI via mobile application for your smartphone: http://m.epa.gov/apps/airnow.html

BEACH SAFETY: When you spend time at the beach this summer, stay safe with these best practices. Swim safely, protect yourself from the sun with broad-spectrum sunscreen, stay hydrated by drinking water, watch for trash and other signs of pollution, and report dangers you see to lifeguards or other beach workers. For more information: http://water.epa.gov/type/oceb/beaches/dosdonts.cfm

INSECTS: While some insect bites are benign, biting insects can carry dangerous diseases. Using the right insect repellent and taking preventive actions can repel ticks, mosquitoes, and other biting insects. Guidelines for areas to avoid bites and clothing to wear, can be found here: http://epa.gov/pesticides/insect/preventive_actions.htm Additional resources are available at http://epa.gov/pesticides/insect/safe.htm

PEST CONTROL: Pest control in the garden often refers to the use of chemical pesticides. To ensure public safety, EPA offers a "Citizen's Guide to Pest Control and Pesticide Safety" as well as tailored guides on protecting your garden, children, and household. These guides offer advice on pesticide selection for health and pollinator protection and best-alternative environmentally friendly practices. Additional resources: http://www2.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/lawn-and-garden#safely and http://www2.epa.gov/pollinator-protection

SUNWISE: Check the Ultraviolet Index anytime by downloading EPA's app (epa.gov/enviro/mobile) to plan outdoor activities while preventing overexposure to the sun. Apply a palm-full of sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher that provides broad-spectrum protection 15 minutes before heading outdoors. Reapply every two hours. Wear protective clothing, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses. Seek shade between 10am and 4pm. To learn more: http://www2.epa.gov/sunwise/action-steps-sun-safety.

Life & Style

Prince returns for Essence's 20th celebration

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Uttering his signature, "We are gathered here today to get through this thing called life," Prince opened his set for the 20th celebration of the Essence Festival and showed thousands Friday why a 10-year wait isn't a bad thing.

As the first licks of "Let's Go Crazy," rang throughout the Superdome, thousands in the audience—already on their feet in anticipation—stayed there until the final rifts of "Purple Rain" left the air.

It was the second time the crowd got a taste of "Let's Go Crazy." Earlier, he made a surprise cameo appearance during Janelle Monae's rendition of the song.

Prince closed the festival's main stage with a litany of his hits, including "Kiss," "Raspberry Beret," "When Doves Cry," "Controversy," "1999," and a slowed-down version of "Little Red Corvette" and "Nothing Compares to You."

Ten years ago, Prince headlined that anniversary, reuniting with some of the players in his musical past—Morris Day and The Time, guitarist Wendy Melvoin and former protege Sheila E. The high-energy show ended with an emotional performance of Prince's megahit "Purple Rain."

In 2014, he again ended his show with "Purple Rain," to the delight of the crowd.

Singer Lianne Le Halvas joined him in a duet on "Sometimes It Snows in April," before New Orleans' own Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews contributed a soaring solo. Andrews jammed the final portion of the show, which included covers of "The Bird" and "Jungle Love," made famous by Prince associates, Morris Day and The Time and Shelia E's "Glamorous Life."

He left the stage, telling the crowd, "Good night, New Orleans." For at least two minutes, the stage stayed dark before the familiar strains of his signature song, "Purple Rain," wafted through the air and his silhouette returned.

"Thirty years ago today this was the sound," he said. "You can sing if you want to."

And sing, they did.

Earlier in her set, Monae danced and strutted across the stage, working up a sweat as she entertained the crowd with her songs, "Primetime" and "Electric Lady."

When guitarist Nile Rodgers took the stage, Monae joined him for a performance of "We Are Family," led by Kathy Sledge, who with her sisters "Sister Sledge" made the song famous.

With 'Tammy,' 'Freak Show,' Kathy Bates keeps on roaring

AP

In this Dec. 8, 2013 file photo, actress Kathy Bates attends the 2013 Kennedy Center Honors at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, in Washington.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Kathy Bates calls herself "an old lion."

The actress says she also plays one in the big-screen comedy "Tammy," in theaters this weekend. Bates portrays Lenore, a successful entrepreneur who figuratively slaps sense into the film's lovable loser of a titular character (Melissa McCarthy).

The 66-year-old "Misery" Oscar winner tells us more:

AP: I must admit I'm surprised to find you in this movie. You've done a few light comedies, such as Adam Sandler's "The Waterboy." But we're used to seeing you in dramas.

Bates: I'd heard they (the creative team of McCarthy and husband Ben Falcone) wanted me for a part. I didn't know what part. I told my agent, "I will play a giraffe with green spots, whatever they say." (Laughs.)

AP: What was the appeal of McCarthy?

Bates: Even when she gets outrageous, when she gets on the most ridiculous jaunts and puts a bag on her head and all of that, you go with it, because it's real. It's grounded in reality. You almost believe, "Hey! I'd do that, too."

AP: As Tammy and her grandmother (Susan Sarandon) careen out of control on their road trip, and in life, Lenore sets them both straight. She's a role model.

Bates: I think of Lenore as an old lion. It's taken her many years to create her business, to have a life for herself and (partner) Susanne (Sandra Oh). They met in college and I think they came out when it was very difficult for lesbians to be accepted.

AP: (The gay-cinema historian) Vito Russo would have loved that Lenore is incidentally gay. Her sexuality isn't the point of the character.

Bates: What I love about the way we are portrayed in the film is that Susanne and Lenore are a normal, healthy couple, which says, "You can't legislate who you love."

AP: What are the ties that bind you to Lenore?

Bates: I am an old lion, too. I'm nipping at the cubs quite a bit these days. When I get a young director who wants to do all these fancy shots and use all these wide lenses from a low angle, he'll get nipped. (Laughs.) I have spent 50 years of my life learning about this craft. And I'm about to turn it over to the kids that are coming up, which I will do, willingly.

AP: But you're by no means retiring. You couldn't be much busier.

Bates: I can't believe it. Let's face it. When (her TV series) "Harry's Law" got canceled and right after that I found out I had breast cancer and I had a double mastectomy that summer, I was pretty low. And I felt like I'd been kicked to the curb. And I didn't know if I would ever work again. And then, a year later, along came Melissa and ("American Horror Story" producer) Ryan Murphy. I'm just grateful for all that. A few months ago, I made the choice not to have (breast) reconstruction, because it occurred to me, "I don't want to go back to bed. I don't want to be on (the painkiller) Oxycodone for two months. I'm having too much fun."

AP: Ryan cast you in "American Horror Story: Coven," and has said that you'll appear in some capacity in the upcoming "American Horror Story: Freak Show."

Bates: I know I'm part of the "Freak Show." We live in Jupiter, Florida. And it's the 1950s. I know it's going to be out there—a good place for an old lion to be.

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Mass of Intentions will begin on Tuesday, July 8th thru Wednesday, July 16th , 2014 at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00 a.m.
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Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.
Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase
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McCartney returns to stage after hospitalization

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Paul McCartney returned to a concert stage Saturday after being sidelined for two months because of a virus, spinning out songs from the Beatles, Wings and a solo career that has spanned more than 50 years of rock `n' roll.

"It's great to be back," said McCartney, who turned 72 two weeks ago. He looked none the worse for wear, putting on a show of just under three hours with 38 songs before finishing with the three-song medley that ends the "Abbey Road" album.

McCartney was briefly hospitalized in Tokyo in May because of the viral infection. The illness forced him to cancel a Japanese tour and a concert in South Korea and reschedule half a dozen June dates in the United States before resuming his "Out There" tour in Albany.

Before his illness, McCartney last performed May 1 in Costa Rica.

McCartney opened with the Beatles' "Eight Days a Week." He wore black jeans and a sky blue blazer. When he took the jacket off four songs in, he joked that it was the only wardrobe change of the evening.

The crowd-pleasing show contained a mix of expected hits like "Hey Jude" and "Let it Be," four songs from McCartney's latest album and a generous sampling from more obscure corners of his catalog, including the Beatles' songs "Lovely Rita" and "Being For the Benefit of Mr. Kite" and Wings work such as "Another Day" and "1985." Most of the 1980s and 1990s were passed over.

AP

Sir Paul McCartney performs with his band during the "Out There" Tour at the Times Union Center on Saturday, July 5, 2014, in Albany, N.Y.

He paid tribute to the two late members of the Beatles, singing "Here Today" to former songwriting partner John Lennon, which McCartney described as the conversation they never had. He began playing George Harrison's song "Something" on the ukulele, and it built into a full band rendition.

McCartney also honored another late rock star, Jimi Hendrix, with an instrumental interlude of "Purple Haze."

McCartney's wife, Nancy, was on hand and he dedicated the song "My Valentine" to her. Perhaps one oblique reference to his absence was the new song, "On My Way to Work," which McCartney said he hadn't performed publicly before.

During his second encore, he brought a couple from Rochester onstage after the woman held up a sign saying her boyfriend wouldn't marry her until he met McCartney. After the man led the audience in a verse of "When I'm 64" to honor his age, he went to his knees and successfully proposed.

"And he booked us for the wedding," McCartney joked.

It's a busy year for McCartney, who marked the 50th anniversary of his first appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" this winter, which marked the beginning of Beatlemania in the United States. He has 19 U.S. shows scheduled, including one at Candlestick Park in San Francisco, where the Beatles made their final concert appearance in 1966.

The other surviving ex-Beatle, Ringo Starr, is also on the road this summer.

The Roots act as house band for Nicki Minaj

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The Roots worked as the house band for top-selling acts like Nicki Minaj and Ed Sheeran for its annual free concert Friday in Philadelphia celebrating Independence Day.

The Roots Philly 4th of July Jam was held on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, where U.K.-based Sheeran closed the three-hour event that also featured Jennifer Hudson and Aloe Blacc.

Sheeran sang "The A Team" as well as his latest hit, "Sing." The latter track is from his new album, "+," which debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 albums chart this week.

The event starring Questlove, Black Thought and other members of the hip-hop band aired live on VH1 and Palladia.

Minaj was energetic during her set, telling the crowd that Philadelphia is one of "her favorite places." She performed "Super Bass," "Pills N Potions" and closed with "Moment 4 Life."

Pop singer Ariana Grande was supposed to be part of the lineup Friday, but her representative said she had to pull out because of a family emergency.

Hudson belted her signature high notes, especially on "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going." When she sang "Spotlight," Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter got out of his seat, nodded his head and sang along.

Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Parkway is also the home for the Jay Z-curated Made In America festival.

Former 'Scandal' actor Short arrested in Texas

DALLAS (AP)—Former "Scandal" actor Columbus Short has been arrested in Dallas for public intoxication.

Short

Dallas police said the 31-year-old Short was arrested at 2 a.m. Saturday at the Katy Trail Ice House, a popular beer garden and restaurant. A message left at the restaurant on Saturday was not immediately returned.

It is not the first time Short has had trouble with the law. In May, he pleaded not guilty to felony battery for a fight that seriously injured a man at a West Hollywood restaurant. And he faced a misdemeanor spousal battery case.

Short announced in April that he wasn't returning to the hit series "Scandal" for its fourth season.

The actor's agent, manager and lawyer did not immediately respond to messages Saturday.

SiriusXM fires 'Opie & Anthony' host over tweets

NEW YORK (AP)—"Opie & Anthony" radio show host Anthony Cumia has been fired by satellite radio company SiriusXM, which cited his "racially charged" and "hate-filled" remarks on Twitter as the reason.

Cumia's remarks and postings, including tweets and retweets that were degrading to women, were "abhorrent" to SiriusXM, its spokesman Patrick Reilly said Friday. The shock jock was fired late Thursday, Reilly said.

Cumia's response Friday on Twitter included an obscenity in relation to SiriusXM. He said he was fired over material that was not aired and was not illegal.

Earlier this week, Cumia posted tweets and photos about what he said was an attack on him as he took photos in Times Square.

He said a woman, angered at being photographed, called him a "white mother (expletive)" and then repeatedly punched him. He said he defended himself without hitting back.

In subsequent tweets about the confrontation, Cumia let loose a string of profanity and insults against the black woman, including describing her as "pig face worthless" and using an anti-female expletive.

"This was an animal. I shoulda smashed it's face," he wrote.

In later tweets, after being condemned as a racist in some Twitter postings, Cumia said he was the victim and was being unfairly derided over his views of violence in the black community.

Asked by one Twitter poster if he had reported the attack to authorities, Cumia responded that he could take punches without wasting the police's time.

Ex-member of R&B group Hi-Five arrested in death

HOUSTON (AP)—A former member of the 1990s R&B group Hi-Five has been arrested in the stabbing death of his wife in Houston.

Police say 40-year-old Russell Neal walked into a Harris County sheriff's office on Wednesday and told authorities his wife was dead at their home. Police say he was arrested and made no further comment.

Court records show he remained jailed Friday on a $100,000 bond on a murder complaint. He's scheduled to appear in court Monday. Records don't list an attorney.

Houston police say 24-year-old Catherine Martinez was stabbed multiple times and pronounced dead at the scene.

Bronx Most Wanted Entertainment released a statement saying Neal is a former Hi-Five member and isn't part an upcoming recording project.

The group's hits include, "I Like the Way (The Kissing Game)."

Eligible seniors can sign up for free medical eye exam

DEAR ABBY: I am an ophthalmologist, and all too often I see patients who have already lost some of their vision because they waited too long to schedule an appointment for an eye exam. Many times the reason was limited insurance or they couldn't afford the co-pay.

After helping nearly 1.8 million people, EyeCare America, a public service program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, continues to match eligible seniors in need with volunteer ophthalmologists who provide a medical eye exam—and up to one year of care—at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient.

This July, as we celebrate our country's independence, invite your readers to also celebrate their personal independence by getting regular eye exams, especially as they age. Many eye diseases develop later in life. In fact, one in six people age 65 and older has a vision impairment that cannot be corrected with glasses or contact lenses.

Please help to save your readers from the falls, injuries, depression and social isolation that are associated with vision loss and join me in spreading the word about EyeCare America. Thank you for your help.

CHARLES P. WILKINSON, M.D.,
CHAIR, EYECARE AMERICA

DEAR DR. WILKINSON: You're welcome. But I am the one who should thank you and the other members of the American Academy of Ophthalmology for their generosity in offering this program to seniors nationwide.

Readers, this is important and I know the need is great. To find out if you or your loved ones qualify for this program, visit www.eyecareamerica.org. (The online application does not request financial information.)

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws are pressuring me to let them take our small children for overnights and trips around the city. I'm extremely uncomfortable about it because I don't trust their supervision. They obviously love the kids, and I'm happy they're in our children's lives—as long as they come to our house to visit.

There have been several instances in which they made some questionable decisions with respect to supervising my little ones in public. I have so far successfully dodged their requests, but it will be impossible to do it forever. If I tell them how I—and their son—feel, they will be hurt, especially because my parents routinely watch the kids outside our home.

What's the best way to handle this with the least hurt feelings?

ST. LOUIS MOMMY

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR MOMMY: This is something you and your husband will have to discuss with his parents TOGETHER. If you do it alone, you will forever be blamed for "favoring" your family over his. When the discussion happens, you should cite your reasons for feeling the way you do. I can't promise there won't be hurt feelings, because there probably already are, but your children's safety must come first.

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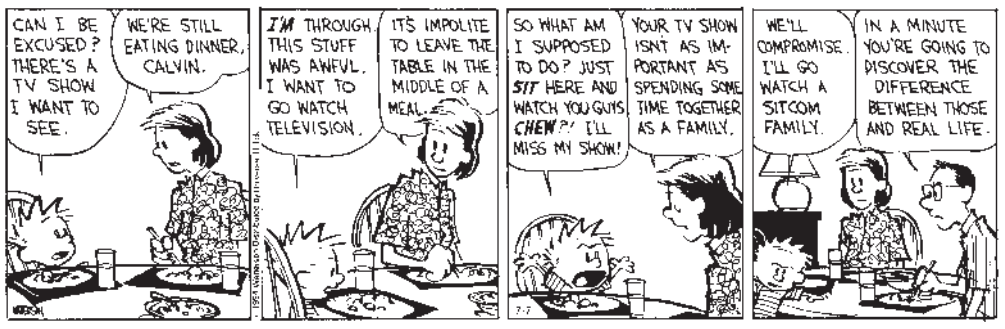
Pastimes

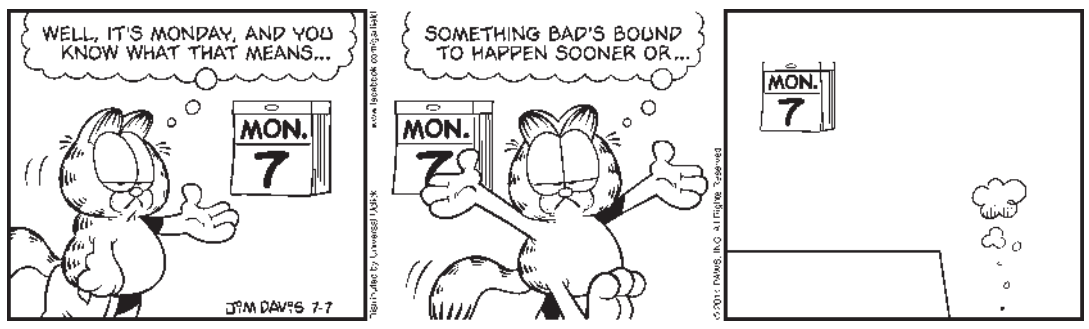
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


CAN I BE EXCUSED? THERE'S A TV SHOW I WANT TO SEE.
WE'RE STILL EATING DINNER, CALVIN.
I'M THROUGH. THIS STUFF WAS AWFUL. I WANT TO GO WATCH TELEVISION.
IT'S IMPOLITE TO LEAVE THE TABLE IN THE MIDDLE OF A MEAL.
SO WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? JUST SIT HERE AND WATCH YOU GUYS CHEW?! I'LL MISS MY SHOW!
YOUR TV SHOW ISN'T AS IMPORTANT AS SPENDING SOME TIME TOGETHER AS A FAMILY.
WE'LL COMPROMISE. I'LL GO WATCH A SITCOM FAMILY.
IN A MINUTE YOU'RE GOING TO DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE AND REAL LIFE.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



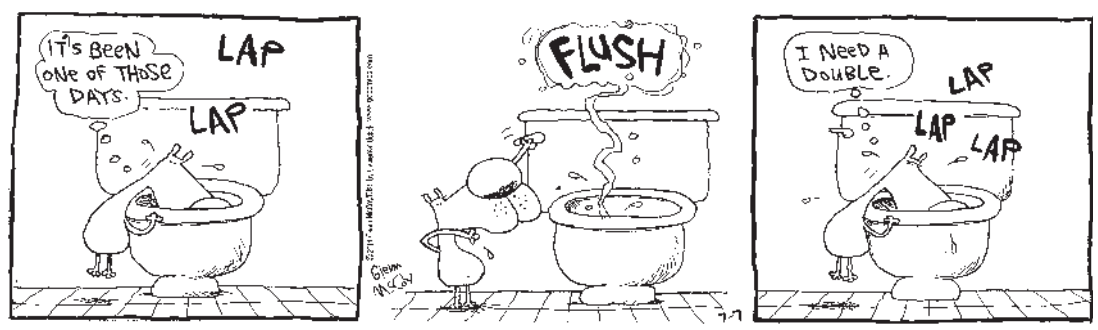
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

OKAY. SURE. WELL, LET ME KNOW IF I CAN HELP IN THE FUTURE.
WELL, I LOST THE HORNIGANS NEWSLETTER JOB.
OH NO! WHY?
THEY SAID THEY'RE "RECALIBRATING THEIR PRIORITIES."
SO WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?
RIGHT NOW? I'M GONNA GO "RECALIBRATE MY BEN & JERRY'S LEVELS."

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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19 Tolerates
21 "Das Lied von der Erde" composer
24 Mongol tent
25 — carte
26 Heavy weight
28 Evidence of fire
31 Singer Del Rey
33 Digits (Abbr.)
35 Vacationing
36 Sill
38 Golf and Rabbit
40 Compass dir.
41 Morsels
43 Bracelet locations
45 Christmas baddie
47 God, to Galileo
48 Lubricate
49 Chooses personally
54 Everyone
55 "South Pacific" hero
56 Corral
57 — Moines
58 Genders
59 Piercing tool

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2 Longoria or Gabor
3 Ashen
4 Dracula's bed
5 River of Hades
6 Depot (Abbr.)
7 Hungarian wine
8 Antarctic volcano
9 Small wiper
10 Chills and fever
11 Unruly groups
16 N.J. neighbor
20 "— la Douce"
21 Shoppers' mecca
22 Wings
23 Ads of a sort
27 Calendar abbr.
29 Welles role
30 Peepers
32 Not "fer"
34 Wrap
37 Leaves a good impression?
39 "White Men Can't Jump" star
42 Disgrace
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45 Incite
46 Anger
50 Kibosh
51 E-file preparer (Abbr.)
52 London garden site
53 NBC show since 1975

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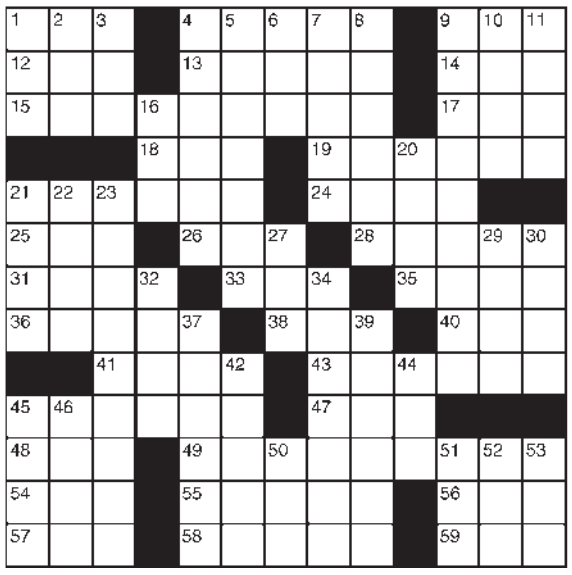
Friday's answer 7-4



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Michelle Kwan, 34; Berenice Bejo, 38; Shelley Duvall, 65; Ringo Starr, 74.

Happy Birthday: Your ability to express what's on your mind will help you get ahead, but don't be too quick to make a move. Impulsiveness will work against you. Take your time and do what's necessary to ensure you head in the most opportune direction. Well thought-out plans will bring you the stability and personal security to reach your comfort zone. Your numbers are 1, 5, 16, 24, 31, 38, 47.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Approach your relationships uniquely. Changing the way you do things will draw interest and give you the edge in both personal and professional partnerships. Keep life simple by not taking on too much and go directly to the source when seeking information. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Trust in you and your ability to get things done the way you want. Much can be accomplished if you take charge and innovatively approach the projects of your choice. Intuitive insight into an important partnership will help you make the right decision. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Focus on what you can do to secure your position and to make your talents recognizable. What you do now will determine whether or not you'll measure up and get the opportunity to move into a better position in life personally and professionally. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't expect to please everyone. Do what makes the most sense to you, but keep your plans a secret to avoid interference. A steady approach with a little imagination and creativity mixed in will lead to your success. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Refuse to let anyone limit you with emotional manipulation. Back up your intentions with carefully considered plans. There is no room for error and victory is within reach if you take action and make things happen. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't let anyone pressure you into doing something you don't care to do. You can be diplomatic, but make it perfectly clear what you have to offer and what you expect in return. Walk away from any situation that compromises your integrity. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You'll be anxious if you promise to do too much. Pick and choose what's necessary to focus on reaching your destination. Use innovative ideas and you'll stand out amongst the competition. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Speak up and sort through any concerns you have with your peers. Once the passage is clear, you will be able to accomplish what you set out to do. An emotional plea will be well received, giving you greater freedom to proceed. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Listen, but don't give in to pressure. Someone you are close to will compromise your relationship by asking for something you don't feel comfortable giving. Avoid joint money ventures. Offer your time, not your cash. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You'll face discord if you make changes without going through the proper channels. Problems while traveling or communicating with someone in an influential position can be expected. Focus on work, money and partnerships to avoid criticism and delays. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You'll have wonderful ideas, but don't expect everyone to agree with your plans. Take a stance; let others know how you feel. Change is necessary if you want to enjoy greater comfort. Cut corners and redistribute how you use your cash flow. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Size up your financial situation and look for a good investment that will help you turn a little into a lot. Creative endeavors can lead to good fortune and your ticket to a brighter future and greater income. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are helpful, aggressive and entertaining. You are unpredictable and impatient.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 7/07

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 7/01

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SLANG WORDS — Solution: 6 letters

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Minimum Pay Level & Step:	32/01 – 32/02
Minimum Annual Salary:	$41,527.83 - $42,981.30
Location:	As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 6/23/2014	Closing Date: 7/8/2014
POSITION TITLE:	**Instructor, Education (Rehabilitation and Human Services)**
Pay Level & Step:	32/01 – 32/02
Annual Salary:	$41,527.83 - $42,981.30
Location:	As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 6/24/2014	Closing Date: 7/9/2014
POSITION TITLE:	**Instructor, Mathematics**
Pay Level & Step:	32/01 – 32/02
Annual Salary:	$41,527.83 - $42,981.30
Location:	As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 6/25/2014	Closing Date: 7/10/2014

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Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than July 17, 2014. Please no phone calls.

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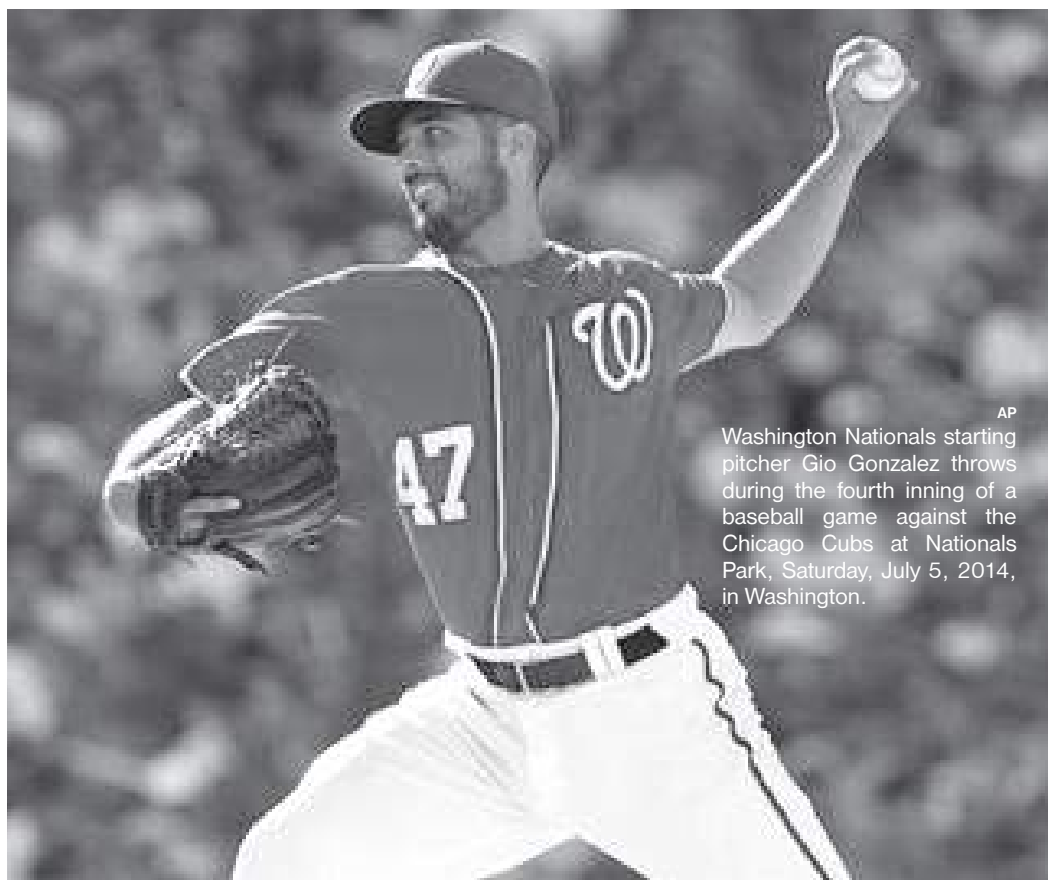
Nationals get 19 hits in 13-0 win over Cubs

WASHINGTON (AP)— Gio Gonzalez pitched eight sparkling innings and Ryan Zimmerman tied a career high with four hits and drove in three runs as the Washington Nationals roughed up the Chicago Cubs without recently traded Jeff Samardzija for a 13-0 victory Saturday.

Jayson Werth and Anthony Rendon added three hits and two RBIs for the Nationals on a day the Cubs were forced to start Carlos Villanueva (4-6) following the trade of Samardzija, the scheduled starter, and Jason Hammel to the Oakland Athletics.

Washington posted a season high in runs and hits (19), including eight doubles but no home runs.

Gonzalez (6-4) allowed four hits, while striking out seven and walking one. He's now thrown 29 consecutive scoreless innings against Chicago and 22 overall.



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Washington Nationals starting pitcher Gio Gonzalez throws during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs at Nationals Park, Saturday, July 5, 2014, in Washington.

Brewers 1, Reds 0

In Cincinnati, Matt Garza threw a two-hitter for his fourth career shutout, and the Brewers ended their four-game losing streak by beating the Reds.

Aramis Ramirez singled home a run in the first inning off Homer Bailey (8-5), who gave up seven hits through eight innings. Two Brewers were thrown out at the plate.

Garza (6-5) has been one of the Brewers' best starters lately, going 4-1 in his last seven games. He retired the first 12 batters in order before Brandon Phillips led off the fifth with a single for Cincinnati's first hit.

He allowed two walks and fanned nine while going the distance for the first time this season.

Right fielder Ryan Braun struck out swinging in the first inning, and then left the game in the second with spasms in his lower back.

Rays 7, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Tampa Bay's Chris Archer came within two outs of a complete game, holding the Tigers to six hits.

The Rays broke the game open with three runs in the fifth inning and four in the sixth, and the Tigers never mounted much of a rally against Archer (5-5). The 25-year-old right-hander allowed solo homers to Alex Avila in the seventh and J.D. Martinez in the ninth.

Anibal Sanchez (5-3) took a no-hitter into the fifth, but things unraveled quickly for the Detroit right-hander. He allowed seven runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings, with four walks and a strikeout.

Logan Forsythe homered for Tampa Bay.

Marlins 6, Cardinals 5

In St. Louis, pinch-hitter Jeff Baker's RBI hit with two outs in the ninth inning helped Miami rally to beat the Cardinals.

Casey McGehee fouled off five full-count pitches from Cardinals closer Trevor Rosenthal (0-4) before getting the tying hit.

Christian Yelich's three-run homer off Seth Maness in the sixth began Miami's comeback from a four-run deficit that snapped the Cardinals' three-game winning streak.

Mike Dunn (6-4) worked a scoreless eighth and Steve Cishek finished for his 19th save in 21 chances.

Rockies 8, Dodgers 7

In Denver, Drew Stubbs hit a two-run homer, Jorge De La Rosa pitched six strong innings before giving way to a shaky bullpen and the Rockies broke a five-game slide by holding off the Dodgers.

The Rockies are 3-16 since June 16 — with De La Rosa (9-6) accounting for each win. The lefty allowed two runs and three hits, all in the first inning. He then watched the bullpen almost completely unravel.

The Dodgers turned this into a game with a five-run seventh, but Adam Ottavino put the brakes on the rally.

Dan Haren (8-5) gave up a season-high eight runs in 5 1-3 innings.

Pirates 3, Phillies 2

In Pittsburgh, Edinson Volquez allowed one run in seven sharp innings and Andrew McCutchen hit a two-run homer in the first to lead the Pirates to a victory over the Phillies.

Volquez (7-6) had an RBI groundout with the bases loaded in the second inning.

David Buchanan (4-5) found his stride after the second and kept the Pirates at bay until he was lifted in the sixth. Philadelphia's starter was charged with three runs and six hits and a walk.

Marlon Byrd stranded five men on base in his first two at-bats but homered in the ninth.

Cody Asche homered in the fourth for Philadelphia.

Braves 10, Diamondbacks 4

In Atlanta, Andrelton Simmons drove in four runs, Aaron Harang won his third straight start and the Braves beat the Diamondbacks for their season-high ninth straight victory.

Justin Upton added a two-run homer and a third RBI for the Braves, who have won 11 of 12 and are 11 games over .500 for the first time this season.

Harang (8-6) has a 3.00 ERA over his last three starts after allowing nine hits and four runs with one walk and one strikeout in eight innings.

Arizona, which has dropped eight of 12, lost its 53rd game, most in the majors.

Atlanta took a 7-3 lead with a five-run fourth off Mike Bolsinger (1-5).

Mariners 3, White Sox 2, 14 innings

In Chicago, Brad Miller hit an RBI double in the 14th inning, and the Mariners beat the White Sox for their fifth win in the last six games.

Michael Saunders reached on an infield single against Ronald Belisario (3-5) and swiped second before Miller hit a drive into the gap in left-center for a ground-rule double.

Tom Wilhelmsen (1-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the win and Fernando Rodney got three outs for his 25th save in 27 chances.

Logan Morrison and Michael Saunders had three hits apiece for Seattle, which has won 11 of 14 overall. Felix Hernandez pitched eight sharp innings for the Mariners.

Twins 2, Yankees 1, 11 innings

In Minneapolis, Yankees catcher Francisco Cervelli made a throwing error in the 11th inning that allowed Josh Willingham to score from second base, giving the Twins a victory over New York.

With the bases loaded, Trevor Plouffe hit a dribbler to reliever Matt Thornton (1-1). The lefthander flipped it to Cervelli for the forceout at home.

Cervelli then tried for the double play but his throw sailed way over the head of first baseman Mark Teixeira.

The victory snapped a seven-game home skid against the Yankees and was just Minnesota's fourth win against New York in 17 games at Target Field.

Brian Duensing (2-2) pitched around a Carlos Beltran single in the 11th.

Red Sox 3, Orioles 2, 1st game
Orioles 7, Red Sox 4, 2nd game

In Boston, Nelson Cruz went a career-best 5 for 5, including a solo home run and a bad-hop single that scored the go-ahead run in the sixth inning, and Baltimore beat Boston to split a day-night doubleheader.

The Red Sox won the opener on Jonathan Herrera's one-out, broken-bat RBI single off T.J. McFarland (1-2) in the bottom of the ninth inning. Boston closer Koji Uehara (4-2) pitched a perfect ninth to keep it 2-2.

In the second game, Cruz had two doubles and was thrown at third in an attempt for the cycle in the eighth. Nick Hundley added a two-run homer in the second game as Baltimore overcame Boston starter John Lackey's 11 strikeouts over 5 2-3 innings.

Lackey (9-6) was charged with five runs and 10 hits.

Stephen Drew homered in both games for the Red Sox, who have lost four of five. Drew hadn't homered since Boston's World Series clinching Game 6 win in October.

Brad Bach (3-0) and four other Baltimore relievers combined to shut down Boston in the second game after Ubaldo Jimenez gave up four runs, five hits with six walks while getting 11 outs.

Lester allowed two unearned runs and five hits in eight innings, striking out seven with no walks.

Rangers 5, Mets 3

In New York, Robinson Chirinos hit an early three-run homer, Adrian Beltre connected again and Texas beat the New York Mets to end a six-game losing streak.

Alex Rios had three hits, including an RBI double off longtime Texas nemesis Bartolo Colon in a four-run first, and Colby Lewis (6-5) pitched six steady innings to help the Rangers win for only the third time in 17 games.

They snapped a 10-game skid on the road, their longest since a club-record slide of 12 games in 2003, with their first win away from home since June 16 in Oakland.

Travis d'Arnaud homered for the Mets, who have dropped five of six and eight of 10. David Wright had a double in four at-bats as he returned to the lineup after missing seven games with a sore left shoulder.

Colon (8-7) went seven innings but lost his second consecutive outing after going 6-0 with a 1.58 ERA in his previous seven starts.

Indians 7, Royals 3

In Cleveland, T.J. House allowed three runs over 6 2-3 innings for his first major league win to help Cleveland top Kansas City.

House (1-2) scattered nine hits, struck out three and didn't walk a batter. The rookie lefthander made his eighth appearance, and seventh start, of his career.

Michael Bourn's leadoff homer sparked a three-run third inning, and Nick Swisher's bases-loaded single scored two runs in the fifth and finished Jeremy Guthrie (5-7).

Guthrie had won his last three decisions and lost for the first time since June 6.

Michael Brantley had three hits, including an RBI single in the eighth, for Cleveland.

Giants 5, Padres 3, 10 innings

In San Diego, Brandon Belt hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning to give San Francisco a win over San Diego.

Belt, in his second game back from the disabled list, homered off Dale Thayer (3-3) after Hunter Pence led off with a double. Belt, who missed 50 games with a broken thumb, hit his 10th homer of the season into the right-field stands.

Michael Morse homered leading off the ninth inning against Padres closer Huston Street to tie it 3-3. That broke a streak of 23 consecutive saves for Street, the longest run in the majors.

Sergio Romo (4-3), recently demoted from the closer role, earned the win. Santiago Casilla got the final three outs for his second save in five chances.

San Francisco won for just the sixth time in 24 games and broke San Diego's season-high, five-game winning streak. The Giants, who had been shut out in three of their previous five games, scored more than two runs for the third time in 11 games.

San Diego had been 29-0 when leading after seven innings.

Athletics 5, Blue Jays 1

In Oakland, California, Josh Donaldson hit a home run, Scott Kazmir allowed three hits over seven innings, and Oakland beat Toronto.

Coco Crisp, Craig Gentry and Jed Lowrie drove in runs for the A's, who won their third straight and seventh in 10 games.

Kazmir (10-3) won for the fifth time in six decisions. He walked two and struck out eight, improving to 6-1 in eight home starts.

Edwin Encarnacion drove in a run in the first inning for the Blue Jays and then had to leave the game with right quad soreness.

Mark Buehrle (10-6) pitched well but remained winless in six starts since June 1. He gave up three runs and 10 hits over six innings. Buehrle walked one and struck out three. He had a four-game winning streak against the A's end.

Toronto is 2-7 in its past nine games and has dropped five straight on the road.

Angels 11, Astros 5

In Anaheim, California, Albert Pujols hit a go-ahead, two-run home run, and C.J. Cron and pinch-hitter David Freese also homered against the Houston bullpen in the Angels' eight-run seventh inning as Los Angeles earned its ninth straight home win.

Pujols' 511th homer tied him with Mel Ott for 23rd place on baseball's career list.

Houston starter Scott Feldman left after six innings with a 5-2 lead and was replaced by Anthony Bass (1-1). Cron greeted Bass with a leadoff single before Freese batted for John McDonald and hit his first homer in 124 career at-bats at Angel Stadium and first in the majors as a pinch-hitter.

Michael Roth (1-0) pitched two perfect innings of relief for the victory after rejoining the Angels from the minors earlier Saturday. Los Angeles is a season-best 14 games over .500 and remains 3 1-2 games behind AL West-leading Oakland.

Source: Cavaliers meet with agent for James

CLEVELAND (AP)—Four years after their messy breakup, the Cavaliers and LeBron James are at least talking about a reunion.

Cavs officials met with James' agent, Rich Paul, this week about the free-agent superstar's possible return. The sides visited as James continued his family vacation, a person with knowledge of the details told The Associated Press on Thursday night.

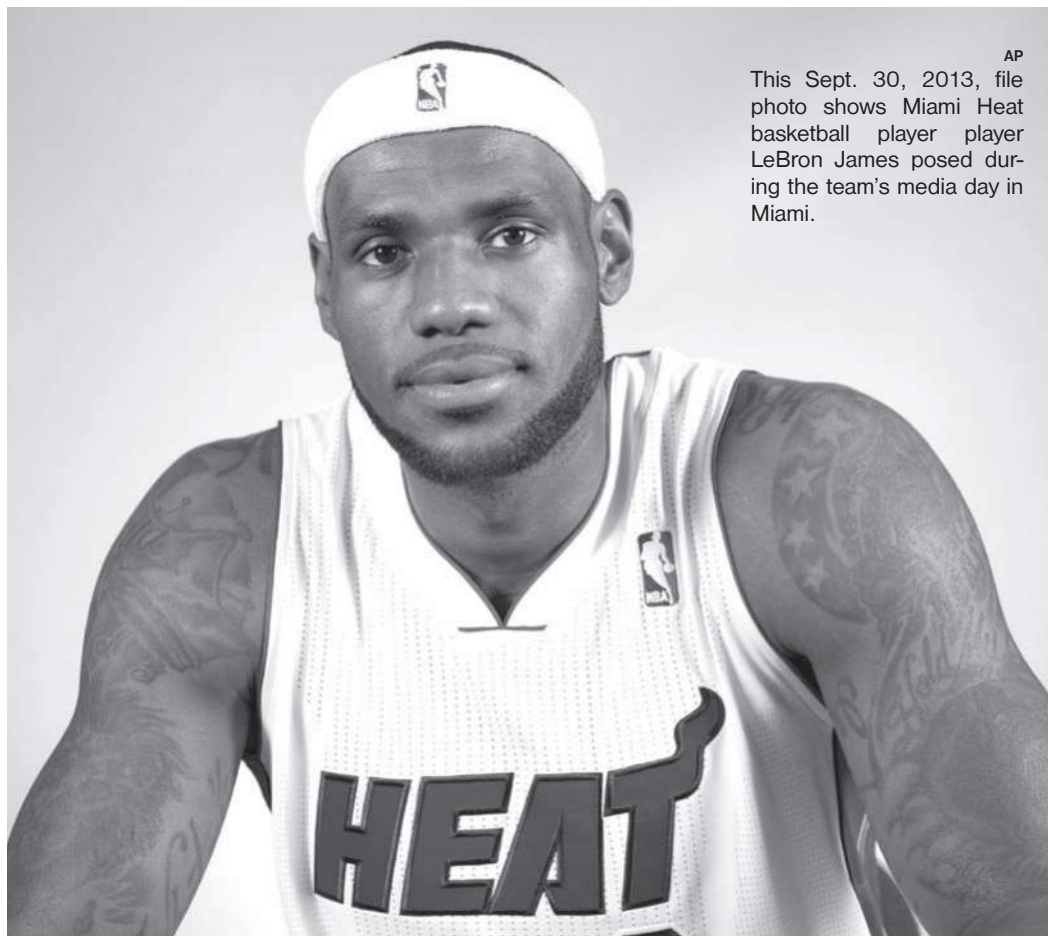
The person spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the talks.

It was not immediately clear if owner Dan Gilbert was at the meeting.

James recently opted out of the final two years of his contract in Miami. The two-time NBA champion has gone to four straight finals with the Heat. However, after the team was throttled by San Antonio in this year's finals, James said he would weigh his options this summer.

One of them could be re-signing with the Cavs, the team he spent seven seasons with before leaving in 2010 to join forces with Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in South Florida. Wade and Bosh also opted out of their deals with Heat, raising speculation the "Big Three" could be headed in different directions.

James' decision to leave Cleveland—Thursday was the four-year anniversary of the team's last pitch to him—prompted Gilbert to condemn him in a scathing letter to Cavs fans. The owner also told The AP he felt James had quit during games in the playoffs.



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This Sept. 30, 2013, file photo shows Miami Heat basketball player player LeBron James posed during the team's media day in Miami.

ESPN has reported that Paul also met with representatives for the Phoenix Suns, Houston Rockets and Dallas Mavericks. A photo of Mavericks owner Mark Cuban in Cleveland circulated on Twitter, though he said he was there for a commitment for his TV show, "Shark Tank."

While James has been out of the country with his wife, Savannah, and their two sons, Paul has been working on the four-time MVP's future. Unlike four years ago, when teams flocked to Cleveland to make presentations to woo James, the courtship of him this time has been low key and rather business-like.

The Cavs have waited patiently for their chance to try and convince the Akron, Ohio, native to come home. In the past few weeks, the Cavs have hired new coach David Blatt, selected Kansas swingman Andrew Wiggins with the No. 1 overall pick and gotten All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving to agree to a five-year, $90 million contract extension.

Now, they're working on bringing back James, who has never ruled out the possibility of a return.

Two years ago, James was asked if he could ever see himself playing for the Cavs again.

"I don't know. I think it would be great," he said. "It would be fun to play in front of these fans again. I had a lot fun times in my seven years here. You can't predict the future and hopefully I continue to stay healthy. I'm here as a Miami Heat player, and I'm happy where I am now, but I don't rule that out in no sense.

"And if I decide to come back, hopefully the fans will accept me."

Cleveland fans, most of them anyway, have gotten over James' infamous "Decision," when he announced he was leaving on a nationally televised special. He was booed mercilessly in his first games back with the Heat, but in recent years he has been received more favorably. Maybe that's because the Cavs haven't been to the playoffs since he left and Clevelanders know he might be the only chance they have to see a championship in their lifetimes.

Cleveland hasn't won a title in any of the major sports since 1964.

If he were to come back, James could repair the damage he did to his image when he left.

But that remains a big `if.'

In having Paul meet with other teams, James could simply be putting on pressure for the Heat to upgrade their roster. Miami has been pursuing free agents and Yahoo Sports reported team president Pat Riley and coach Erik Spoelstra met in Los Angeles with Lakers free agent Pau Gasol. The Heat could have trouble surrounding James with enough talent if the reports he will only accept a maximum contract are accurate.

James is scheduled to be in Las Vegas next week to host a basketball camp, and then is expected to attend the World Cup in Brazil.

In order for James to play again in Cleveland, he and Gilbert would have to have some sort of reconciliation. Gilbert's letter—famously typed in comic sans font—was a blistering attack on James, who had carried the Cavs to the NBA Finals in 2007 but failed to deliver on his promise of a championship. Gilbert had guaranteed the Cavs would win a title before James, but later regretted the prediction.

"Looking back now, that probably was not the most brilliant thing I've ever done in my life," Gilbert said.

He and James may get a second chance together.

Kittel's thrill, Cavendish spill in 1st Tour stage

HARROGATE, England (AP)—Mark Cavendish went down in a late crash. Marcel Kittel's hands went up in victory. And British royals who turned out for the Tour de France debut in England witnessed new signs of a changing of the guard among two of the world's top sprinters.

For many British fans, with cycling's greatest race making a rare start in England on Saturday, Stage 1 wasn't supposed to end this way: They wanted British speedster Cavendish to get his first race leader's yellow jersey and 26th career Tour stage win after the 190.5-kilometer (118-mile) ride through Yorkshire countryside.

But with the pack swelling in intensity and his rivals up front as the finish neared, Cavendish leaned his head to his left into Australia's Simon Gerrans, and their bikes tumbled to the ground—with the Briton coming down hard.

Germany's Kittel then made it look easy by dusting three other rivals at the finish. Cavendish got up gingerly and cruised across, cradling his right arm, and got into an ambulance. Tests showed a separated right shoulder. His team said it'll be decided Sunday morning if Cavendish rides in Stage 2 from York to Sheffield.

Contrite despite the pain, Cavendish said he was "gutted" about the crash.

"It was my fault. I'll personally apologize to Simon Gerrans as soon as I get the chance. In reality, I tried to find a gap that wasn't really there. I wanted to win today," he said in a statement. "Sorry to all the fans that came out to support—it was truly incredible."

The sprint specialist from the Isle of Man had a lot riding on this stage: His mother is from Harrogate. He had said winning Saturday was one of his key goals this year. And he had a bit to prove: Kittel, a 26-year-old rising star in sprinting, won four Tour stages last year, to Cavendish's two. Many Britons wanted him to win gold in the road race at the London Olympics, but that quest also ended in disappointment.

Cavendish surely would have wanted to be in Kittel's pedal-clip shoes when Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, handed the yellow jersey to the German, and she, husband Prince William and Prince Harry flanked him, clapping, on the winner's podium in Harrogate.

"Before the stage, I said it was one goal, maybe, to be with Kate on the podium - and also, of course, Harry and William," said Kittel, who also won Stage 1 at last year's Tour. "It was not a goal for me to beat Mark Cavendish ... in his home country."

"It's not nice to have Mark crash. Nobody wants that," he added.

Early signs that Britain's sprint king may be losing his crown came at last year's Tour, when Kittel beat him in similar circumstances. Doing it at two Tours in a row suggests that he really does have Cavendish's number—although there are still plenty of chances at this Tour for the 28-year-old Briton to come back, if healthy.

Cavendish still has 116 total career victories, to 60 for Kittel, according to the Tour's Web site.

As the sprinters battled it out Saturday, the two favorites for victory in the three-week race, Alberto Contador and Chris Froome, finished safely in the trailing pack that clocked the same time as Kittel.

A second German excelled too: Veteran Jens Voigt took the polka-dot jersey as the race's best climber, after getting out early on a three-man breakaway that first cleared three low-grade hills, including Buttertubs pass. At 42, the Trek rider is the oldest competitor this year: This is his 17th Tour, equaling the record.

The nervous first day included other mishaps. Untold tens of thousands of fans turned out in such big numbers that a train service shuttle between the start and finish towns was crammed, and some had to wait for 90 minutes or even longer to get aboard—or gave up altogether.

Yorkshire, the largest county in England, has paid richly for the right to host the Tour. The peloton sped by abbeys in ruins and sights like 14th century Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, before finishing in Harrogate, known for its spas.

In recent years, Britain has been cycling-crazed: Prime Minister David Cameron was in the crowd on Saturday too. England hosts the first three stages of this 101st Tour before riders enter France on Tuesday. In all, the 198 riders are to cover 3,664 kilometers (2,277 miles) of road before the July 27 finish in Paris.

NBA BRIEFS

Source: Mavs, Nowitzki agree on 3-year deal

Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks have agreed on what could be the final contract for the big German. A person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on Thursday that Nowitzki would get a three-year contract worth roughly $30 million. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been announced. New contracts can't be signed until next Thursday. The 36-year-old Nowitzki is taking a big pay cut with a contract similar in value and structure to the one Tim Duncan signed with San Antonio two years ago. Duncan, who also took a much lower salary, is exercising a player option to return for the final season of his deal after helping the Spurs win their fifth title since 1999. Nowitzki just completed a four-year deal worth $80 million, and he left money on the table in that deal hoping the Mavericks could get some pieces around him. ***(AP)***

Lowry agrees to re-sign with Raptors

TORONTO (AP)—Kyle Lowry is staying with the Toronto Raptors after leading them to the Atlantic Division title. The point guard has agreed to re-sign with the Raptors, his agent confirmed Wednesday night. Yahoo Sports reported that the deal was for four years and $48 million. Lowry averaged career highs of 17.9 points and 7.4 assists for the Raptors, who were one of the NBA's biggest surprises in going 48-34. They were expected to be one of league's worst teams, particularly after trading forward Rudy Gay early in the season, but instead nearly reached the Eastern Conference semifinals before falling to Brooklyn in seven games. They were led by their guard tandem of Lowry and All-Star DeMar DeRozan, who will be staying together.

Spurs' Ginobili has stress fracture of right leg

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—The San Antonio Spurs say Manu Ginobili has a stress fracture of the lower fibula of his right leg. The injury could knock the key reserve for the NBA champion Spurs out of the upcoming World Cup of Basketball, where he was scheduled to play for Argentina. The tournament starts at the end of August in Spain. Ginobili wrote Tuesday on his Facebook page that his availability will depend on how he feels in about three weeks, but that he remains optimistic. It's unclear when Ginobili was injured. He averaged 14.4 points in the NBA Finals, when the Spurs beat Miami in five games to give Ginobili his fourth championship.

Hurley extends lead to 2 at Greenbrier Classic

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP)—Billy Hurley III doesn't plan to lose much rest sitting on a third-round lead for the first time on the PGA Tour.

The former U.S. Navy officer shot a 3-under 67 on Saturday to extend his advantage to two strokes over Angel Cabrera entering the final round of the Greenbrier Classic.

"I've been working for a long time to win on the PGA Tour," Hurley said. "I figure if I shoot the lowest score tomorrow, I can't lose."

Hurley never relinquished the lead he has held since midway through the second round at Old White TPC. He birdied the par-5 12th and par-4 13th before dropping a stroke on the par-3 15th.

He had a 12-under 198 total. No third-round leader has won the Greenbrier Classic, now in its fifth year. Playoffs have decided the tournament twice.

Cabrera shot 64. He's looking for his first non-major win on the PGA Tour.

Kevin Chappell was third at 9 under after a 69. Steve Stricker had a 68 to top the group at 8 under.

There will be more than a trophy to raise and a $1.2 million winner's check available Sunday. The four best finishers not previously eligible for the British Open among the top 12 on the final leaderboard will earn spots in the July 17-20 tournament at Royal Liverpool.

Hurley finished his five-year Navy service in 2009 and would still be a naval officer if golf wasn't keeping him busy. He returned to the PGA Tour this year after playing on the Web.com Tour in 2013.

He said nerves won't play a part in how he gets ready for what could be a memorable Sunday.

"I'm going to keep doing what I'm doing," he said. "I just want to put my mind in position so that I can play well. I slept fine last night. The benefit of the Navy if you learn how to sleep anywhere. I think I'll sleep fine tonight, too."

Cabrera wore an Argentine blue shirt in the third round and is riding his country's momentum in the World Cup, including Saturday's 1-0 win over Belgium to advance to the semifinal round.

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Billy Hurley III tees off on the 14th hole during the third round of the Greenbrier Classic golf tournament at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., Saturday, July 5, 2014.

"I was very happy when I found out they won," Cabrera said, adding that he was equally as giddy when he started his round with four birdies on the first six holes.

Old White sets up nicely for Cabrera's long drives and he made four birdie putts of 19 feet or longer.

"I was able to get the speed of the greens, and that was the big difference," Cabrera said.

At the Wells Fargo Championship in May, Cabrera was the second-round leader but closed with a pair of 75s.

Another under-par round Sunday would mark the first time that he has had four rounds in the 60s since the 2010 Deutsche Bank Championship.

Chappell barely got anything going until making a 12-foot putt for birdie on the par-5 17th.

"I don't think I've had my best ball-striking day yet," he said. "Hopefully, my putter gets hot and (it) should be fun."

Joining Stricker in the group at 8 under were Michael Thompson (64), Cameron Tringale (64), Will Wilcox (65), Joe Durant (66), Camilo Villegas (67) and Chris Stroud (70).

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had a free pass to first base with still two outs. Gabriel Garza was next at bat for Guam and came up with an empty swing against the first pitch of Nakamura. Nakamura's second pitch was way too high, while Garza made contact with the ball on the former's third pitch, but it was called a foul with the leather flying back at home plate. Nakamura then threw a quick one on his fourth pitch and this caught Garza looking and gave the CNMI the title win.

The Patrick Tenorio-managed squad defeated Guam in the exciting finals and notched a ticket to the World Series that will be held in Maine next month despite falling behind 0-2 after three and a half innings. Guam's Kaimana Bamba blasted a two-run single at the bottom of the first inning to draw first blood in the finale.

Guam hung on to the lead in the next two innings, as the CNMI's hitters were still looking for form. Then at the top of the fourth inning, the CNMI wisely went on a bunt binge and won the gamble, as it got two runs off the three bunts, while collecting two more from Guam's wild pitches to grab the lead, 4-2. Jones led off for the CNMI at the top of the fourth and was driven home by Joseph Lifoifoi's bunt. Lifoifoi also reached off A.J. Evangelista's bunt, while Kelvin Deleon Guerrero and Craig Aguon posted the two other runs off Guam's errors.

A two-run homer from Jacob Concepcion at the bottom of the fourth inning allowed Guam to reclaim the lead, 5-4, but the CNMI would not be denied as Camacho retaliated with his own two-run homer to put the Commonwealth on top anew and help the team withstand Guam's fight back in the last two innings with a steady performance on the mound.

Joining Camacho, Nakamura, Evangelista, Palacios, Deleon Guerrero, and Aguon on the champion squad are Jessie Brel, Jerald Cabrera, Jeffrey Dela Cruz, Michael Muna, Jobe Reyes, Melvin Sakisat, and Virolanson Secharmidal. Anthony Leon Guerrero and Jack Deleon Guerrero are the coaches.

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events.

In 2014, Kvitova lost in the first round at the hard-court Australian Open, and in the third round at the clay-court French Open. But get her on the grass court, and those speedy serves and flat forehands really shine.

"For sure, she was on," Bouchard said. "We know that when she's on, she's very tough to beat. Especially on this surface."

On Saturday, the 24-year-old Kvitova certainly was "on." Oh, was she ever. Pretty much perfect in every way.

The left-hander hit serves that reached 113 mph (182 kph) and earned easy points. Walloped big, deep returns that left Bouchard little time to react. Smacked flat groundstrokes off both wings that zipped right where she intended, often skidding near lines, helping accumulate a 28-8 edge in winners. Won 11 of 14 points she played at the net.

Most surprisingly, even to Kvitova herself, was the way she motored around the Centre Court grass with her right thigh heavily bandaged, displaying defensive skill that she's not necessarily known for. It was telling that Bouchard lost in such a lopsided manner despite four unforced errors.

"I mean, (a) few shots was really incredible, and I really couldn't believe that I made it, actually," said Kvitova, who was within two points of defeat against Venus Williams in the third round. "I said, `Oh, my God, this is good!'"

The match was played under a heavy cover of clouds, and it seemed as if Bouchard's best chance to regroup would be a rain delay.

"I don't know," Bouchard's mother, Julie Leclair, said, "if there was much she could've done."

A shower arrived minutes after the brief-as-could-be final concluded. Before the trophy presentation, the retractable roof was closed, and both players left the court for a bit. Bouchard was told to wait in the room used to engrave champions' names.

"I was watching them work," Bouchard said, "wishing one day - dreaming - that he'll write my name somewhere."

The previous time a runner-up won only three games in the Wimbledon final was 1992, when Steffi Graf beat Monica Seles. Before that, it hadn't happened since 1983, when another Czech lefty, Martina Navratilova, defeated Andrea Jaeger.

Just 10 times in the history of a women's tournament first played in 1884 has a champion ceded fewer games in the final than Kvitova did.

Kvitova, who was thrilled to have nine-time champion Navratilova present Saturday, remains the only player born in the 1990s to win a major singles title. Bouchard, 20, would have been the second.

Already a semifinalist at the Australian Open and French Open this season but playing in her first Grand Slam final, Bouchard was a little wowed by the occasion.

"We were holding flowers instead of our tennis bags," Bouchard said. "The applause was really loud when we walked out. That's the main thing that registered in my mind."

When play began, Kvitova immediately took charge, breaking to lead 2-1 with a cross-court forehand winner she celebrated by yelping, "Pojd!"—the Czech equivalent of "Come on!"

Most points were short, but the next game ended with Kvitova taking a 13-stroke exchange, making two terrific defensive stabs to prolong it, before flicking a cross-court backhand passing shot on the run.

Bouchard got one break back to pull within 5-3, but she wouldn't win another game.

"She played unbelievable and didn't give me many opportunities to stay in the rally," Bouchard acknowledged, "or do what I do."

That's what Kvitova, who will rise to No. 4 in the rankings Monday, is capable of at Wimbledon.

"I feel really, like, at home. I mean I was really up and down after my title here 2011," said Kvitova, who beat Maria Sharapova in straight sets in the final three years ago. "I was still (working) hard, (believing) in myself."

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was relatively high-scoring compared with the 1-0 results by Germany against France and Argentina against Belgium.

The low-scoring quarterfinals were slightly overshadowed anyway in the host nation, where millions were still coming to terms with the fact that a back injury knocked star striker Neymar out of the tournament.

Brazil fans at Brasilia's Estadio Nacional for the Argentina-Belgium match wore face mask caricatures of their talisman and held up signs reading: "Have strength Neymar. Brazil will win."

They were drowned out by tens of thousands of traveling Argentina fans who outnumbered them and raucously supported Messi.

The alleged leader of Argentina's infamous football hooligans, Pablo Alvarez, was among them, but he's unlikely to be there next time after being detained inside the stadium and is set for deportation.

Messi remains in Brazil after Gonzalo Higuain ended a four-game scoreless streak with a goal in the 8th minute to help Argentina reach the final four for the first time since 1990, the year it lost the final to West Germany.

Higuain picked up a deflected pass from Angel Di Maria and beat goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois with a half-volley toward the far post as he turned.

"Since the first game of this World Cup I said I was calm, that the goals would come. It came and at an important moment," the Napoli striker said. "It's been so many years since we made it to the semifinals. Now we did."

Messi missed a chance to get his fifth goal of the tournament when he failed to beat Courtois in a one-on-one situation in stoppage time. This time, it wasn't needed.

Belgium coach Marc Wilmots was critical of Argentina's approach after taking the lead and described his opponents as "just an ordinary team."

"If we had equalized in the last few minutes, they are dead, they are finished," he said.

Neymar was supposed to be there until the end of the World Cup, at least that was the expectation in a country which spent billions on hosting the tournament.

But his campaign ended in the 86th minute against Colombia, when he got a knee in the back from Juan Camillo Zuniga that fractured his third vertebra.

His first public comments since then were delivered in a video released Saturday, just before the striker was airlifted from Brazil's training camp in a medical helicopter to be treated at home—a departure broadcast live on Brazilian TV.

"I don't have words to describe what has been going through my head and my heart," Neymar said, speaking in a low, quiet tone. "I just want to say that I will be back as soon as possible. When you least expect I'll be back.

"I won't be able to fulfill the dream of playing in a World Cup final, but I'm sure (the Brazil team) will win this one, they will become champions, and I will be there with them, and all of Brazil will be celebrating."

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	47	40	.540	—
Toronto	47	42	.528	1
New York	43	43	.500	3 1/2
Boston	39	48	.448	8
Tampa Bay	40	50	.444	8 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	48	36	.571	—
Kansas City	45	41	.523	4
Cleveland	42	44	.488	7
Chicago	41	47	.466	9
Minnesota	39	47	.453	10

West Division

Oakland	54	33	.621	—
Los Angeles	50	36	.581	3 1/2
Seattle	48	39	.552	6
Texas	38	49	.437	16
Houston	36	53	.404	19

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	49	38	.563	—
Washington	47	39	.547	1 1/2
Miami	42	45	.483	7
New York	38	49	.437	11
Philadelphia	37	50	.425	12

Central Division

Milwaukee	52	36	.591	—
St. Louis	47	41	.534	5
Pittsburgh	46	41	.529	5 1/2
Cincinnati	44	42	.512	7
Chicago	38	47	.447	12 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	50	40	.556	—
San Francisco	48	39	.552	1/2
San Diego	39	48	.448	9 1/2
Colorado	37	51	.420	12
Arizona	36	53	.404	13 1/2

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All eyes on CNMI's bid in World Series qualifier

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CNMI Little League fans focused on the CNMI's campaign in the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines, last week.

The Commonwealth sent five teams to the Philippines in its bid to gain tickets to the World Series. Of the five squads, it was the CNMI's team in the Senior League that had success, going unbeaten in the World Series qualifier in the elimination round and downing Guam in the finals, 8-6. The CNMI Junior and Little League All-Stars finished second in the elimination round, but unfortunately lost in the tiebreak in their respective pools to miss a semis stint. The CNMI Big League All-Stars tied for third with host Philippines, as the two teams had identical 1-3 slates. The CNMI Intermediate All-Stars (50/70), who were represented by Tinian players, were winless in the competition.

The champion CNMI Senior All-Star Team was composed of manager Patrick Tenorio and coaches Anthony Leon Guerrero and Jack Deleon Guerrero and players Craig Aguon, Jessie Brel, Nathan Camacho, Kelvin Deleon Guerrero, Jeffrey Dela Cruz, A.J. Evangelista, Darion Jones, Joseph Lifoifoi, Michael Muna, Franko Nakamura, Jhace Palacios, Jobe Reyes, Melvin Sakiat, and Virolanson Secharmidal. They defeated Indonesia, the Philippines, Guam, India, and New Zealand in the elimination round.

The CNMI Little League All-Stars prevailed against Vietnam, Hong Kong, and Chinese-Taipei for a 3-2 record in Pool A. They bowed to Saudi and Dubai and though the Commonwealth bets missed the playoffs, they finished the tournament on a winning note with an 11-1 rout of Indonesia.

In the Junior League, the CNMI downed Vietnam and the Philippines in the elimination, but lost the tiebreak and the playoff sets to Guam and the Philippines. Both the Philippines and Guam eventually fell short in their semis games against Hong Kong and Chinese-Taipei, while the latter later took the championships. Chinese-Taipei also dominated the Big League division, while the CNMI's lone win in this event was recorded against the host.

Meanwhile, champions were crowned last week on Saipan with the staging of the finals of the 2014 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium and the NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Island Manpower claimed the championship in the DL Corp. caging after defeating TBK Auto Mechanics in the finals, 81-78. Jun Tabora was named Finals MVP for hitting clutch baskets, while TBK's Jake Quitugua was selected regular season MVP.

In the NMC golf tournament, junior golfer Jun Suk Kim prevailed against 46 others. The 13-year-old and 6-handicapper shot net 70 on the west course of the Kagman golf facility off his 39 on the front nine and a 37 on the back. He edged Eddie Peter, who recorded a net 70.2.

In another local competition last week, Shirley's Coffee Shop and Kanoa Resort remained unbeaten in the Tan Holdings caging, notching their third straight win in the six-team field. Shirley's won over Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, while Kanoa downed CTSI/D&Q. POI made it to the win column after downing *Saipan Tribune*/Realty Management Services.

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Four players of the CNMI Senior All-Stars celebrate their title win over Guam in the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament held last week at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

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The CNMI Big League All-Stars coaches and players pose for a photo during the opening of the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament held last week at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

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The Secharmidal brothers, from left, Virolanson, Virgil, and Lancaster, pose for a photo during the opening of the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament held last week at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

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The CNMI Junior League All-Stars coaches and players pose for a photo during the opening of the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament held last week at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

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The CNMI Little League All-Stars coaches and players huddle before their game against Vietnam in the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament held last week at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

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Island Manpower's Jerome Norita goes for a layup against TBK Auto Mechanics' Christian Devero during the fourth quarter of their title game in the DL Corp. caging last week at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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The CNMI Intermediate (50/70) All-Stars coaches and players pose for a photo during the opening of the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament held last week at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

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CNMI earns World Series ticket

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The CNMI Senior League All-Stars will play in the World Series this year, following an 8-6 victory over Guam in the finals of the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament last Saturday at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

Relief pitcher Nathan Camacho worked the mound for 4.3 innings and got the two quick outs at the bottom of the last inning, while Franko Nakamura closed out and recorded the last strikeout to help the CNMI win the regional tournament and earn a ticket to the World Series.

Camacho also hit a two-run, over-the-fence homer earlier at the top of the fifth inning, allowing the CNMI to reclaim the lead, 6-5. Guam got the sacrifice fly at the bottom of the fifth to tie the match for the last time, as the CNMI countered with two runs at the top of the seventh. Harry Nakamura had an RBI single to center field to break the deadlock, while Darion Jones blasted a single, stole second, and made it all the way home off a wild pitch and error at second base.

Now down 6-8, Guam felt the pressure early at the bottom of the seventh with its first two batters returning to the dugout off Camacho's back-to-back strikeouts. Camacho was then called for two quick balls against the third batter before play was halted to clear the CNMI ace's pitching count. Guam contended that Camacho was over the limit (95) since coming in for starting pitcher Jhace Palacios in the third inning and should be relieved.

Officials huddled and found out Camacho's pitching count reached 96 so as a penalty to the CNMI, Guam's third batter

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Players and officials of the CNMI Senior League All-Stars pose for a group photo after beating Guam, 8-6, in the finals of the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament last Saturday at the Clark Freeport Zone in Zambales, Philippines.

2nd Wimbledon title for Petra Kvitova

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LONDON (AP)— Petra Kvitova plays so much better at the All England Club than anywhere else, and now she owns two championships to prove it.

In one of the most dominant performances in a women's final at Wimbledon, the sixth-seeded Kvitova of the Czech Republic overpowered and overwhelmed 13th-seeded Eugenie Bouchard of Canada 6-3, 6-0 in only 55 minutes Saturday to add to her 2011 title at the grass-court Grand Slam.

"I know," Kvitova said, "this is the best tournament for me."

Absolutely true. Her career record of 26-5 at Wimbledon translates to an .839 winning percentage, compared to her marks of .667 at the three other majors and .681 at all other

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AP
Petra Kvitova of Czech Republic holds up the trophy after winning the women's singles final against Eugenie Bouchard of Canada at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Saturday July 5, 2014.

Messi guides Argentina into semis, Dutch scrape in

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)— The Argentines didn't need a late winner from Lionel Messi this time, settling in to protect a 1-0 margin against Belgium that earned them a first trip to the World Cup semifinals in 24 years.

The Netherlands could have used a late goal from Robin van Persie or Wesley Sneijder or Arjen Robben later Saturday but didn't get one, only edging Costa Rica 4-3 on penalties to set up a semifinal against Argentina.

The 2010 finalists lit up the tournament with 12 goals in four matches but couldn't find the net in regulation or extra time against rank underdog Costa Rica. Captain van Persie wasted chances to break the 0-0 deadlock, and Sneijder smashed an 80th-minute free kick into the post and a stoppage-time shot into the crossbar, setting the scene for replacement goalkeeper Tim Krul to be the unlikely hero.

Krul went on in the last minute of extra time—coach Louis van Gaal considering him a better option in the shootout than No. 1 Jasper Cillessen—and made two crucial saves.

"We had a lot of chances but it didn't go in," Krul said on Dutch television. "Then I come in, stop two penalties and here we are."

The flood of goals from the group stage slowed to a trickle in the knockout rounds, with the four quarterfinals yielding just five goals. Brazil's 2-1 win over Colombia on Friday night

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AP
Netherlands' goalkeeper Tim Krul makes a save on a shot by Costa Rica's Michael Umana during a penalty shootout in extra time during the World Cup quarterfinal soccer match at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, Brazil, Saturday, July 5, 2014.